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Chapter 136

Karen's Way of Life

The next day after showing Karen non-attribute magic...

We stopped the carriage before the sun began to fall. After that, we divided the labor and prepared for the camp.

A group remained in the carriage to prepare meals and firewood, another group was working on procuring ingredients in the forest, but Karen and I were the only two doing magic training at a place slightly away from the carriage.

Karen's training continued while being watched over by Emilia and Reese who had already finished the preparation of the bed. Let alone reaching the first stage of manipulating mana, it was time for her to use magic.

"Yes..." (Karen)

"Alright. Remain that concentrated condition, slowly move the mana and gather it in your palm. If it's become tough like yesterday, don't forget to stop immediately."
(Sirius)

"...Like this?" (Karen)

"Alright. After that, direct your hand to the target and unleash the mana at the same time saying the magic name." (Sirius)

"...[Impact]." (Karen)

Then, an invisible magic bullet released from Karen's palm hit the rock nearby and it crushed the surface layer a bit.

If it was my [Impact], it would open a big hole in the center, but it seemed that degree was the limit of Karen.

The reason was that the mana convergence was still light, but it was amazing enough

even with this.

Although she was taught by the parent how to manipulate mana, this practice was designed to be able to use magic in a day after I taught her my magic theory.

It might be because her tribe was said to be proficient in magic, but I guessed it was also due to her efforts.

Just like the way Karen was reading a book that I had bought in town, her ability to concentrate was very high.

The disadvantage of that was she wouldn't look at other matters once she fully concentrated, but then, she absorbed what I taught at phenomenal rate with that concentration. The siblings were also good, but I thought that Karen was no less than them.

Because of that, she was trying hard and it had caused mana exhaustion couple of times, but for the sake of knowing own limit, I didn't proactively stop her because I thought that it was necessary to experience it in order to become strong. After all, I would stop her if she was highly likely to collapse.

In this way, Karen, who succeeded in her magic, turned to me and her mouth loosened.

"...I did it!" (Karen)

"Aah, you did well. With this, it has enough effectiveness even on monster opponents."
(Sirius)

That was at least several times better than the [Impact] used by the general public, so if she accurately aimed at weak points even if it was a big monster, that would make it faltered.

The common sense of [Impact] was... that it had no punch in spite of consuming enormous mana, and that was why no one wanted to use it.

However, Karen wasn't influenced by that common sense. She believed in my words and had reached this far in a day. To put it simply, she was an innocent girl.

"Once you get better with the mana manipulation inside the body, you will be able to release stronger [Impact]. Since there is no need to be impatient, remember that and

do it over and over again, alright.” (Sirius)

“...I will do my best!” (Karen)

Karen was flapping her wings and she seemed happy, but her complexion was slightly bad maybe because her mana was almost depleted.

The group that went out for food procurement would be back soon, and since I also had to prepare for dinner, I was going to stop it around here today.

“Let’s stop here for today. Aren’t you tired because you have been concentrating many times since the morning?” (Sirius)

“Yes, but... I want to do it again. I also want to be able to use magic like Onii-san soon.” (Karen)

Although she knew the pain of mana exhaustion, the appearance of working hard without sparing was really wonderful.

To be honest, she should take a break, but...

“...It can’t be helped then. Just one more time, alright. By the way, do you have something to ask?” (Sirius)

“Yes, I do. What is the difference between Onii-san and my magic?” (Karen)

“If that’s the case, I will show that magic once more. It is also very important to notice yourself.” (Sirius)

“Yes.” (Karen)

Yesterday, I released the magic in normal way, but this time, I would do it slowly so that Karen could observe easily.

At present, I invoked [Impact] in order to breathe, but since I had to do it deliberately, the time needed to focus mana increased and it was troublesome.

However, if Karen had amazing concentration, it was worth doing it since it was highly likely for her to watch and notice something.

“How is it? Do you notice that mana is gradually gathered in the right hand? If it is difficult to gather mana-...” (Sirius)

“...” (Karen)

Even while listening to my explanation, Karen maintained looking at me so as not to miss any single move.

The various parts where Karen did it at her own pace stood out, and since she was an innocent girl, working hard and more than anything, she had deep thirst about knowledge, I judged that this girl was truly worth teaching.

If this would help such Karen, I shot [Impact] while concentrating more than usual-...

“We’re back. We managed to get a lot.” (Fia?)

“Look, Aniki! Can you make something delicious with-... hmm? What’s wrong, Karen?” (Reus)

“...Honey.” (Karen)

‘...Should I take back the words earlier?’

I thought so while crushing the rock aimed by the [Impact] shot into pieces.

Anyhow, I noticed that Karen, who was observing everything seriously until a moment ago, was standing in front of Reus who got back from hunting.

Emilia and Reese, who were watching the series of scenes, were wondering how to react, while Fia put the ingredients gathered down and she was wondering.

“The situation is strange, but what happened?” (Fia)

“No, how should I say this...” (Sirius)

“You feel rather complicated... is it?” (Fia)

The conversation would end if I showed the magic again, but how could I describe this indescribable feeling?

From the side of Fia, who was listening to their conversation, Reus was talking in wonder to Karen who came in front of him.

“Seriously, I was surprised because you appeared suddenly. So, what is it?” (Reus)

“I smelled honey.” (Karen)

“Oh, you know well. Actually, we found a nest along the way. However, we didn’t have it all but only a part of it.” (Reus)

“I want to eat it.” (Karen)

“Yeah... but it’s going to be a dinner soon, so if you want to eat it, you need to ask permission from Aniki, alright?” (Reus)

It had been several days after we met Karen, and since she started opening her hearts to us, she showed various sides of her one after another.

One of them was Karen seemed to like honey more than I expected.

Although the smell of the honey almost nonexistent, that was the proof that she splendidly reacted to it.

As I unintentionally shrugged my shoulders due to such an exchange of conversation, their gazes were directed to me. I had to nod while sighing.

“...Just a little bit.” (Sirius)

“Ouh! Wait a sec, Karen.” (Reus)

“Yeah!” (Karen)

And then, Karen walked like a puppy, and followed Reus. He went back to the carriage to take the necessary tools.

It looked like her thought was completely filled with honey. She seemed to have completely forgotten about magic.

Well... I had decided to stop until now anyway. Since Karen seemed to enjoy it, there was no need to say anything.

After that, while bitterly smiling at Karen who motionlessly looked at the scene of sorting out the honey, I started preparing dinner with the ingredients that Fia and Reus had procured.



Now... pulling myself together, let alone trying to prepare the dinner, I suddenly felt hesitated.

I had decided that the main dish would be a stew, but I was hesitated because the poultry left in the refrigerator-like tool in the carriage was about to spoil soon.

The poultry was treated with antiseptic before meeting Karen, but since there was a possibility that winged people didn't eat poultry, we unconsciously avoided eating it until now, including the meals we had in town.

If we didn't have a stew, we would fine with just Yakitori, but we shouldn't eat it in front of Karen.

It was a waste if I threw it away since it was a meat of rare monster, so for the time being, I discussed with Emilia and Reese who helped me preparing the dinner.

"...That's how is it, but what do you think?" (Sirius)

"Well. I am from Silver Wolf Tribe, but I don't have problem eating meat of monsters with wolf-like appearance." (Emilia)

"But, it depends on the tribe. Right now, Karen will tell us, right?" (Reese)

"Yes, Reese is right." (Sirius)

I couldn't ask that because she was scared of me before this, but she would probably tell me now.

I stopped preparing the dinner at once. When I headed to where Reus and Fia who were sorting out the honey, there was a little work remained.

Since the hive of magical bee was big, it seemed that it was taken from a certain size of hive, but...

“I’m done here, Fia-ane.” (Reus)

“Yes, well, the last is Karen.” (Fia)

“Yes...” (Karen)

First, Reus moved the larvae away from the hive. Next, Fia transferred the honey into a container. Lastly, Karen scooped and licked the leftover honey in the hive to which she was handed.

Speaking of the sorting work, it was a bit tough, but they became soften when looking at Karen who seemed to be delighted. To put it simply, they were giving honey that hadn’t been cleaned. When I looked at her feet, there were many hives where the honey had been completely cleaned.

The two, who were looking at the sight with delicate expression, stopped their worked and raised head.

“What is it? If it’s for the dinner, I already separated them.” (Fia)

“No... I don’t think Karen should eat too much.” (Sirius)

“Is that so? There is not much honey remained in the nest, so there is still...” (Fia)

“I would like to say that after looking at the hives rolling on her feet.” (Sirius)

““Aah...”” (Fia/Reus)

It seemed that they didn’t noticed that. I thought that it would be rude to say this to Karen, but it felt like we were like feeding a pet way too much.

Well, I wasn’t sure about her feelings, but there was no choice but to do this.

I felt bad to tell Karen this like last time since she was still holding a hive, but she obediently nodded as if she had enjoyed it enough.

“...Is it delicious?” (Sirius)

“It’s delicious!” (Karen)

Oh dear, I couldn't say anything when she was that complacent.

As I sighed inside, Reese, who was looking at Karen licking honey from the last hive, seemed to notice something.

"Karen-chan can eat the larvae, isn't it?" (Reese)

"Yes. That is also tasty." (Karen)

"That's right. It has a slightly strange texture, but it is sweet and quite tasty, right?" (Reese)

"Does Reese-Oneechan eat this too?" (Karen)

"Are you giving it to me? Thank you." (Reese)

I didn't mind if she ate it since the larvae got nutrients, but since she was the type that didn't eat much, I felt like she wouldn't have too much of dinner. There was nothing to worry if it was the siblings or Reese.

Incidentally, I made a small twist during the preparation of the dinner, so I would ask the main question later.

"I want to ask something. Does Karen eat poultry?" (Sirius)

"...I never have that before." (Karen)

"That means you are not prohibited from eating it... is it? I will make dinner by using poultry, is that alright?" (Sirius)

"It's alright." (Karen)

I didn't see any reactions especially dislike. I guessed that there was no problem, so we headed back and prepared the dinner.



After that, we finished eating dinner. We, then, decided the order of night-watch and went to sleep.

The order of the night-watch changed every time to ensure equality, and this time, I was on the second order.

I replaced the first watch, Fia, and sat near the bonfire. I brushed Hokuto who came closer, and I spend the time by reading books while maintaining the view with small [Light].

When it was the time to switch over, Emilia, who was sleeping in a blanket nearby, woke up and got up.

“Fuah... good job, Sirius-sama. I’ll finish my preparation soon, so please wait.” (Emilia)

“Aah, take your time.” (Sirius)

Although it was a camping, Emilia couldn’t stay like that in front of me, so she quickly arranged her appearance.

She slept by taking of a piece of coat only. Then, she washed her face and lightly arranged the hair with a comb. Since that was important as a woman, I wasn’t going to rush her.

At the same time, Emilia prepared tea that hinder sleep. She sat next to me, so when I stroked her head as usual, her tail was wagging happily.

“You’re on time as always.” (Sirius)

“Ehehe... not as precise as Sirius-sama though.” (Emilia)

There was something like a scalable hourglass for time change, but Emilia always woke up a few minutes earlier.

If she could wake up precisely at the time decided, it meant that she could control her body well.

For people, sleep was also an indispensable existence. In that situation, people would be mostly unprotected. If it was possible to make the body learned, it would be useful in various situations.

However, people also unable to notice many things in the meantime. Learning it was very difficult, but Emilia learned it over the years in order to support me. Well, I was

the man intended for that devotion.

“Haa... I’m satisfied. Likewise, I can get stroke from Sirius-sama when I wake up.”
(Emilia)

“I’m not going to say anything about that, but does it feel good to be stroked? I think that will make you sleepy.” (Sirius)

“I feel calm to be stroked by Sirius-sama, but more than that, I feel happy and excited too.” (Emilia)

“...I don’t get it myself.” (Sirius)

“Anyhow, if you stroke me, I’ll become energetic. It’s like a magical hand for me.”
(Emilia)

Since it didn’t involve many in particular, it was probably something that made her feel good.

I stroked her as it was for a while, but I stopped when I felt a presence.

“Are you done?” (Sirius)

“Yes. Please leave it to me.” (Emilia)

After that, I left Emilia. I wrapped myself in a blanket and lie down while turning my back on the bonfire.

While Hokuto lied down close to me to protect me against wind, I maintained my consciousness at the same time closing my eyes.

After a while, when the firewood of the bonfire exploded, I caught sight of someone coming from the carriage and slowly approaching Emilia.

“...What’s wrong?” (Emilia)

“Uhhh...” (Karen)

I couldn’t see the figure because I was turning my back, but it turned out to be Karen based on the voice and presence.

It seemed that she woke up when I was stroking Emilia's head. I guessed that she was waiting for me to go to sleep.

And the reason she woke up was...

"Are you... hungry?" (Emilia)

"...Yes." (Karen)

It was as I expected.

The dinner wasn't only with a stew. I also prepared bread, meat and stir fry vegetables, but Karen was full with just having the stew.

Her expression was slightly painful, but from the point of eating the stew served, it seemed that her mother upbringing was solid.

I had no complaint, but that was because she overate the honey and the bee larvae. It was right decision to prepare it.

"There are some stews left. Would you like to eat it?" (Emilia)

"Is there leftover?" (Karen)

It was natural for Karen to tilt her head.

Because of the glutton siblings, she saw the pot containing stew was empty.

"Sirius-sama specially prepared it because he knew this would happen. I will warm it soon, so please wait." (Emilia)

"...I'm sorry." (Karen)

"You don't have to apologize. You merely followed the flow because of Fia-san and Reus. Besides, they were trying hard to leave some behind even though they were still hungry, you know?" (Emilia)

"I was the one who ate the honey, so it's no good to leave me meals." (Karen)

"Karen-chan is really smart. But, it's alright. If you reflect properly, neither us nor

Sirius-sama will get angry.” (Emilia)

As Emilia said, if she felt sorry for eating snacks before meals, it should be good enough.

Besides, she was still a child. It probably couldn’t be helped when there was food available before dinner and that was served in front of her.

With that, the conversation between them stopped and the only sound I heard for a while was the sound of stew being warmed up. However, Karen resumed the conversation while eating the stew.

“It’s delicious.” (Karen)

“Hehe, please tell that to Sirius-sama in this morning. I’m sure he will be pleased.” (Emilia)

“...Alright.” (Karen)

“I guess it’s hard for you to say that. I understand that feeling well. I was also like that in the past.” (Emilia)

“Nee-chan too?” (Karen)

“That’s right. I was like Karen one time. I was hungry in the middle of the night and Sirius-sama and Dee-san who is like my Onii-san prepared meals for me.” (Emilia)

When I was still in the mansion when I was born, Emilia woke up in the night many times because she was hungry. It might be because she was growing up. So, Dee and I prepared late night snacks. By the way, Reus had twice the amount.

“Even if I wanted to return the favor to those two, it was impossible for me as a child. But, I want to make them happy when I grow up, so I desperately learned—... No, I am still learning even now.” (Emilia)

“...What do you mean?” (Karen)

“This may sound a bit difficult. To put it simply, we are happy if Karen-chan learn a lot of things and become strong. Today, when Karen used magic, he was very pleased, right?” (Emilia)

“I was praised!” (Karen)

“That’s right. The lesson for this mistake–... remember it well. Please do not repeat the same mistake next time.” (Emilia)

I was only looking after her brother, Reus, but I wasn’t good at dealing with children.

Karen didn’t reply, but from the air of her back and the short interval of time, I knew that she nodded.

Anyhow, with this, she could understand that she shouldn’t snacking before meals.

However, in the case of this child, why did I feel like she was going to repeat the same thing again especially when there was honey in front of her?

Despite having such a doubt, I went to sleep.



In the morning, when everyone was waking and preparing for breakfast, Karen came before me.

“Thank you... for the stew. It was delicious.” (Karen)

“Aah, you’re welcome. But, I have one more thing to say. I understand that honey is delicious, but think properly the amount you can eat when you’re going to eat meals, alright?” (Sirius)

“Yes. Next time, I will eat honey and I will work hard to eat meals too!” (Karen)

“...I see.” (Sirius)

“That’s the spirit, Karen-chan!” (Emilia)

“Today, you should challenge a big portion, alright!” (Reus)

“I’ll do my best.” (Karen)

There seemed to be no option to stop her from having honey.

Well... that was also an option, but more importantly, since Karen was a light eater, a bit overeating was not a problem.

As I involuntarily leaked a sigh, Fia put her hands on my shoulder as if trying to comfort me.

“You have it hard as a parent, isn’t it?” (Fia)

“Well, as I expected, parenting is difficult. But it is worth doing it together.” (Sirius)

“Hehe... we also want our children to be obedient like Karen. So, do your best, O-to-u-san.” (Fia)

“...That’s a bit hasty, don’t you think?” (Sirius)

“Sirius-sama. When we have children in the future, will it be better not to involve Lior-Ojiichan as much as possible?” (Emilia)

“That’s why you feel hasty, huh. But, I also agree with that.” (Sirius)

If my children imitated that Jii-san, I supposed I would have to worry.

Anyway, while worrying about Karen’s upbringing, our trip continued.



Two days after that... even though it was a bit behind our schedule, we arrived in front of a forest which seemed to be the entrance of the dragon’s nest.

Incidentally, the dragon’s nest referred to a mountain surrounded by vast forests. Apparently, it was named that way because a lot of dragons were flying across the mountain.

However, since tall trees were preventing us from looking on that mountain well, Fia and I leaped to the sky to confirm it. We were able to confirm that a tall mountain was beyond the forest that seemed to be called a sea of forest.

Perhaps, there was a settlement of winged people over there.

“Our forest is vast too, but here is also considerably vast.” (Fia)

“It is a forest that can break your bones no matter how you go in.” (Sirius)

When I enhanced my eyesight, I could see a lot of dragons flying in the sky around the mountain. If we went in poorly, we would be attacked.

I might be able to talk and avoid battle if there was high rank dragon based on rumor, but in a situation if we got attacked, the surrounding dragons would notice it, and we would fall into entrapment. Even though Fia and I could fly in the sky, we were probably no match against the dragon’s mobility.

Since we might be found and attacked if we flew for too long, we only confirmed the direction before descending to the ground.

“How is it from the sky?” (Emilia)

“More dragons are flying than I expected. Since it is dangerous to go straight, let’s go with the planned route.” (Sirius)

“How about defeating all dragons with me, Aniki and Hokuto-san?” (Reus)

“I expected that. However, I haven’t confirmed the dragon’s abilities and strength, and more importantly, the act of disturbing the ecosystem of the forest is bad.” (Sirius)

It couldn’t be helped if we were aimed, but if we proactively fight and reduced the number of dragons and monsters, it would make fools like Aseed easy to infiltrate this area.

It might be different if the winged people wanted to befriend with outsiders, but since nothing was known until now, it wasn’t alright to break the balance of the ecosystem.

“Anyway, let’s finish the preparation and depart. How about you guys?” (Sirius)

“Yes. There is a nice place over there. I secretly hid the carriage and I don’t think it can’t be found easily.” (Emilia)

“I also prepare small luggage, and I put the big luggage on Hokuto.” (Reese)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Well done. Next is...” (Sirius)

Before everyone's eyes, there was Karen, who was leaning on a tree and quietly exhaling breath of a sleeper.

Apart of being tired or not, Karen had nothing to do while we were preparing various things. She couldn't take a book, and since we were going to walk in the forest soon, I also stopped her from training magic to prevent exhaustion.

Nevertheless, a sleeping child meant she was growing up, and she slept really well. Well, because she was sleeping, Fia and I could fly in the sky.

"...We will depart once Karen wakes up." (Sirius)

"Aniki, there is no problem if we carry her, right? I can carry her on my back." (Reus)

"No. She may recall something with the scenery she sees while moving, so I prefer her to wake up." (Sirius)

Once Karen fell asleep, let alone voices, she wouldn't wake up even if we shook her.

Because of that, I took out a small yellow lump from a pouch that I put inside my pocket and when I brought it closer to Karen's nose...

"Hmm..." (Karen)

"Alright. Here you go." (Sirius)

Karen opened her mouth and tried to eat it, but I retreated one step and intentionally swung my hand high.

It might be because there was nothing in the mouth, Karen stood up with half-open eyes.

She was still unaware even in this state, but she started walking slowly, aiming for what I had. On the third to four steps, she finally woke up.

"...Eh?" (Karen)

"Good morning. We will be leaving soon." (Sirius)

"Yes." (Karen)

“You don’t have to look at me with that kind of eyes. Look.” (Sirius)

What I had was a hard candy made with hardened honey. When I threw the candy into Karen’s mouth, the lonely eyes completely changed to a really satisfying expression and her mouth began to move.

I thought that was a very miserable method, but for now, it was the quickest.

Incidentally, since there were several pair of eyes looking at my back, I wasn’t forgetting them, so I threw the candies in their mouth.

“Ehehe. If Sirius-sama feeds me, it feels many times tastier.” (Emilia)

“Aniki, did you make it a bit bigger this time?” (Reus)

“It’s not only honey. It is delicious because it is mixed with other fruits.” (Reese)

“Personally, I would be glad if you do it from mouth to mouth but since Karen is here, I guess that I should give up.” (Fia)

“Good, it’s all good, right? We shall–...” (Sirius)

“I want another one.” (Karen)

“Let’s go!” (Sirius)

I didn’t really think that she would stop asking, but anyhow, we were entering the forest.



As we entered the forest, first of all, we searched for the river that I had enquired in advance. From there, the route was to head upstream along the river.

Since that river was the river where Aseed found Karen, if we kept going upstream, we would reach somewhere she remembered.

“Karen-chan. How is it?” (Fia)

“...Just a bit more. I’m smelling something familiar.” (Karen)

We were probably reaching Karen's hometown since she was relentlessly looking around to the extent of going deeper into the forest.

At the moment, Karen was on the back of Hokuto. She was still instinctively scared at Hokuto because he was a big wolf and she couldn't approach by herself alone. Now, she was riding together with Reese.

It was a considerable burden since he was also carrying luggage, but Hokuto's pace wasn't discomposed at all. He was a reliable partner as ever.

As a matter of course, there were many monsters lived in the forest. We encountered them quite a few times but most of them ran away and scared when they saw Hokuto.

Those monsters that didn't run away were blown away either by my or Fia's magic or by Reus' sword swings. By the way, the reason we didn't cut them into half was because we didn't want to stimulate the surrounding monsters with the smell of blood.

And then, lizard type monsters that walked on two legs appeared from the river. In spite of fighting the Lizardmen, we took a little break.

"If it's about the dragon's nest, there are many monsters look like dragons." (Sirius)

"Hei, Aniki. Is this Lizardman also a dragon?" (Reus)

"It is not exactly a dragon, but it was a species that was said as a part of dragon's family. Lizardmen are good at collective warfare, so better be careful when fighting alone." (Sirius)

Other than that, there were bipedal earth dragon walking on the ground, and pterodactyls flying in the sky came attacking, but either of them they didn't go further than being low rank dragon, so we had no problem in repelling them.

In that way, we repulsed numerous monsters. As we kept going forward while crossing over bad terrain, we came to a lake in a place where the trees opened up.

We seemed to arrive all the way to this depth of forest by minimizing the battles with the monsters, and giving the priority to movement.

"It's a beautiful clear lake. I wonder if it has rare fishes." (Reese)

“Look, Reese-ane. There is a big waterfall over there.” (Reus)

“Sirius-sama. What are we going to do from now on?” (Emilia)

“Well... let’s stop moving.” (Sirius)

The sun was starting to set soon. When I looked toward Hokuto while preparing for the camp, I noticed something wrong with Karen.

Although Karen was riding together with Fia, her line of sight remained fixed on the lake.

Until now, Karen was shocked due to being thrown away and fell to the water. The memory of when she separated from the mother was also ambiguous, but was she remembering something by coming here?

“What is it, Karen? Did you notice something?” (Sirius)

“It’s here... It’s here! I came here with Okaa-san!” (Karen)

If it was about a place where winged people could reach, this place seemed close to our destination.

Karen was showing the best reaction so far, but at the same time, she put her hands on the head to endure headache.

“But... what is this? Somehow... I forget something...” (Karen)

“Do you still have something that you can’t remember?” (Fia)

“...Yes. On that waterfall is... uuh...” (Karen)

“Do not overdo it. Look, take a deep breath and calm down.” (Emilia)

I would like to move fast, but it would be night if we moved from now on and it involved danger.

It looked like this would take time to climb the big waterfall that made the lake, which was nearby to us, so we probably should stay overnight here today.

When I was trying to tell Karen to be strong... Hokuto loudly barked as if he was wary.

At the same time, a big shadow appeared at our feet. When I invoked [Search] while looking up at the sky...

“Gurururu!” (Hokuto)

“Have we been found!?” (Emilia)

“Oh!? It’s huge!” (Reus)

“Karen, hide behind me!” (Fia)

“Y-yeah!” (Karen)

There were three dragons spreading large wings flying in the sky.

From Hokuto’s vigilance and the reaction of [Search], those dragons seemed to be higher than mid rank dragon.

I supposed that those were high rank dragons, so if conversation was possible...

[Found her!] (??)

[Are you being incorrigible again!?] (??)

[I’ll do it this time!] (??)

‘...What an unpleasant feeling.’

It seemed that they could talk, but since they were displaying hostility, I didn’t think we could have conversations.

While looking at the three dragons that had descended from high altitude skies, we were already prepared for battle.



Extra/Bonus – Karen’s Insight

The next day after Karen snacking too much before dinner... I was making small cupcakes as dessert for the lunch.

I was making one for each of us. However, I made a small mistake and made one extra.

“By the way, who wants to eat this extra cake-...” (Sirius)

““Me.”” (Reese/Reus)

“Me too!” (Karen)

I had expected the glutton siblings, but Karen was also raising hand since the cake was made with honey.

However, on top of reduced amount for individual portion, it was a bit troublesome to divide it into three.

For the time being, I gave the cake to Reese and told her to decide among themselves.

“Hmmm... It can’t be helped, isn’t it? Shall we decide it with rock-paper-scissor?” (Reese)

“Yeah. I am absolutely not going to be defeated!” (Reus)

“Rock-paper-scissor... what is that?” (Karen)

“I see. Karen-chan doesn’t know about it. Well, rock-paper-scissor is...” (Reese)

In such situation, the cake should be given to Karen since she was a child. Unfortunately, in regards of food, the glutton siblings basically wouldn’t compromise.

No... I guessed these two were teaching Karen about survival of the fittest.

Indeed, they were.

Yeah... I wanted to think that way.

After that, Karen was thought the rules of rock-paper-scissor, and the passionate match (one round only) began.

“““Hoi!””” (Reese/Reus/Karen)

I was watching while eating my share slowly, but the match had no winners and it kept continue like that on the second round.

I judged that it was a reasonable probability with three people, but they were probably desperate.

And just before the third round, I noticed that Karen had a gleaming expression or something.

“Eh!?” (Reese)

“Are you kidding me!?” (Reus)

“Karen won!” (Kaern)

Reese’s hand was rock.

Reus’s hand was scissor.

And Karen’s hand... had the thumb, index finger and middle finger up.

By the way, I also thought rock-paper-scissor to the siblings. I didn’t teach them about that technique, but Karen got it after the second game.

I was amazed with her insight...

“No... that was a foul.” (Reus)

“...Is it no good?” (Karen)

“Not good.” (Reese)

If it was me, I would tell them the next round would be pointless. It was needed to decide the victory, but it seemed the glutton siblings weren’t convinced.

Somehow, I felt like the situation turned a bit muddy...

“There is no choice then. If that’s the case, let me do it. I ate a bit, but with half of this, you will have same amount as the little one.” (Sirius)

“Please wait a minute! If it’s Sirius-sama’s half-eaten cake, I want it too!” (Emilia)

“Ooh! Does Nee-chan want to do this too!?” (Reus)

“I’m not going to lose!” (Reese)

“Karen too!” (Karen)

It seemed that troubles would still continue.



The Extra of the Extra – NG Scene

Sirius didn’t hand over the remaining cake to Reese, and he placed it on a table nearby.

“Hmmm... It can’t be helped, isn’t it? Shall we decide it with rock-paper-scissor?” (Reese)

“Ouh!... Eh? Where is the cake?” (Reus)

“Nomnom... fuahhh?” (Karen)

“...Karen-chan, did you eat it?” (Reese)

“Nom-eat-nomnom!” (Karen)

“Then, what is the piece stick on that mouth?” (Reus)

“...Nom-nom-nom!” (Karen) *in denial

Karen had learned how to snatch food and feign ignorance.



Extra/Bonus – Instinct

“Sirius-sama. When we have children in the future, will it be better not to involve Lior-Ojiichan as much as possible?” (Emilia)

“That’s why you feel hasty, huh. But, I also agree with that.” (Sirius)

“Nuooo!?” (Lior)

“Wha-what’s wrong!? Why are you suddenly shouting?” (Beowulf)

“I have a feeling... that Emilia called my name!” (Lior)

“...In Lior-san’s situation, I don’t think it is a joke that you can laugh. By the way, if that’s true, why are you in such a bad mood?” (Beowulf)

“I felt like she was saying something inconvenient about me, something unpleasant! That’s because my opponent is that boy!” (Lior)

“Eh!?” (Beowulf)



Getting used to Hokuto – Beginner Level

No matter how divine his appearance was, Hokuto was a huge wolf. Those who were not beastkin would think of him as an unapproachable existence because of the appearance and intimidation.

Moreover, Karen was attacked by a group of wolves a few days ago, she was still experiencing mental trauma and she couldn’t get close to Hokuto alone.

“Even though you know that you will not be attacked, you still can’t do it huh?” (Sirius)

“Yes... I’m scared.” (Karen)

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

I heard that dogs paid attention to the children of their owners because they liked children.

When he was plainly told that by Karen, he seemed to be slightly overwhelmed.

“Look, it’s alright to do something like this, you know?” (Sirius)

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

First off, if I showed the sight of him being defenseless, her impression might change. So, I tried brushing Hokuto before her.

After a while, Karen approached Hokuto who was lying down with good feeling.

“...It’s soft.” (Karen)

“Woof?” (Hokuto)

Apparently, Karen cared how soft Hokuto’s paw was.

She pointed Hokuto’s paw which was visible when he lied down with her fingertip.

“How should I say this? Perhaps this is a good inclination since she is interested. It may be ticklish, but be patience, Hokuto.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Ten minutes later...

“...*Squishy* *Squishy*” (Karen)

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

“Just, just a bit more!” (Sirius)

After ten more minutes... Hokuto was finally liberated.

Chapter 137

The End of Long Journey for the Child

✂Extra from previous chapter (Author)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

✂Below is the translation by Reus.

As Sirius and others continued the journey, he protected a winged girl who had become a slave.

In order to send the winged girl to her parent, they altogether headed to the dragon’s nest which was said to have a settlement of winged people.

However, it was a dangerous zone where many dragons lived. Sure enough, in the sky above Sirius who was preparing for camp, three large dragons that seemed to be high rank dragons appeared.

“...Even so.” (Reus)

“It is amazing that there was a lot of information contained in that roar.” (Emilia)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

✂Below is the translation by Reus.

However, the three high rank dragons were easily repulsed as a result of action taken by the faithful Hokuto-kun. Later, he was tremendously praised by the Master, and he was able to receive an attentive brushing.

“...Even so. Is there such a thing?” (Reus)

“Hey! Don’t tell a lie, Hokuto!” (Sirius)

“Woof...” (Hokuto)



Appearing from the sky, the whole bodies of the high rank dragons were either dyed in red, green and yellow.

There were probably many reasons, but they were completely hostile to us. They were swirling over the sky while lining side by side.

They looked straight at us, and suddenly, they made a steep decent heading to our direction.

When I looked at them, the descending middle dragon was taking a deep breath and it was going to unleash breath attack that affect wide area.

“I leave it to you! Oh Water, please...” (Reese)

When Reese unleashed magic as we gathered in one place, furious water blew out from the ground and it covered in order to protect us.

“It’s our turn. Everyone, please!” (Fia)

in addition, a huge tornado was born due to Fia’s magic. The tornado swelled by taking in the water produced by Reese and it became a tornado with huge amount of water.

[...A magic at this degree!] (??)

[Do you think you can block our breath attack with that!?] (??)

[Burn!] (??)

The impact of three flame breaths released at the same time had splendid impact and amount of heat, but the impact was ward off and dispersed by the flowing water and wind while the heat was mostly prevented.

This was one of the union spells of spirit magic produced by the two...

““[Stream Shield]”” (Reese/Fia)

Perhaps, if they used magic separately, they wouldn’t be able to prevent both impact and heat.

However, this was possible because it was a strong spirit magic. By combining common magic, it wouldn't become a strong defensive wall like at this degree. The other person who possibly could do this was probably the Magic Master, Rodwell.

"That's amazing. If it's like this, it seems likely to block my [Magnum] as well." (Sirius)

"I know, right? At first, the Wind Spirits don't move well according to my wish, I had hard time to reach this extent, you know?" (Fia)

"It was hard because we got drenched many times. Eventually, it gave me the feeling that the Water Spirits finally accepted my plea." (Reese)

According to them, the Wind Spirits were strong but harder to control, while Water Spirits faithfully accepted detailed instructions.

Anyhow, the first shot was blocked thanks to those two, but it was impossible to counterattack since the high rank dragons leaped into the sky after mowing down the ground with breath attack.

Well, speaking of counterattack, we weren't going to fight them.

"Nevertheless, is there any point in arguing? What are we going to do, Aniki?" (Reus)

"It looks like conversation is possible, but they seem don't want to listen." (Emilia)

"...There is no choice then. Shall we knock them down once?" (Sirius)

Even if we tried to escape, the dragons possessed the air superiority though. It would also difficult to escape because they could bombard us with breath attacks.

Whatever we did, it should be alright. If we could knock them down to the ground, I hoped they would listen to our story.

"Normally, I won't think of defeating the high rank dragons. However, don't you feel that they won't listen to us if we make them angry?" (Fia)

"We'll think about it when the time comes. Let's beat them with all we have." (Emilia)

"Whatever it is, there won't be any conversations if they don't come to the ground. They are three dragons over there. So, the guys will face them one on one. Emilia will

observe the situation and I leave the support and protection of Karen to you.” (Sirius)

“Understood!” (Emilia)

“Ouu!” (Reus)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Fia and Reese wouldn’t attack. They would focus on protecting Karen.

Based on what they displayed earlier, the two of them could provide highest defense power when they used magic.

“Don’t mind about us and please go all out.” (Fia)

“Karen-chan. You definitely can’t leave us, alright?” (Reese)

“Y-yeah!” (Karen)

At the same time as we were prepared, the dragons swirled in a big way in the sky and made nose dive again.

As the dragons gathered the momentum of descend, they came closer to our direction at a tremendous speed, but no matter how fast they were, it was the same action as the earlier.

[...Hmm!?] (??)

[You can leave there to me!] (??)

[Ouh!] (??)

When the dragons came close to a certain extent, I moved to the right while Hokuto greatly leaped to the left.

However, the green and yellow dragon that calmly turned to the left and right to pursue me and Hokuto while the red dragon in the center was aiming for Reus who stood in the front. Although they were distracted by the sudden dispersal, their mutual and spontaneous cooperation was brilliant.

While aiming at us who had dispersed, the dragons were opening their mouth to unleash breath attack, but...

“[Launcher], rapid fire!” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Hokuto and my assault were faster than the opponents’ breath attacks.

The left and right dragons were blown off and forcibly beaten down to the ground by my magical bomb and Hokuto’s ram attack.

The remaining red dragon tried to unleash breath attack toward Reus and the ladies behind him, but numerous [Air Impact] that Emilia shot earlier exploded and released shockwaves. That shook the dragon’s body many times and interrupted the breath attack. *(TLN: The author said blue dragon instead of red dragon. I think he made a mistake.)*

The red dragon, whose approaching speed noticeably became slower, tried to rebuild its collapsed posture, but...

“Dorashaaaa–!” (Reus)

Reus already leaped in the air and swung his sword against the neck of the dragon.

Originally, it was a sword used for slashing, but since the sword was big in size and weight, it could be treated as a lump of iron in a sense. If it used to hit, it became a massive blunt weapon as well.

The red dragon was beaten on the ground by the big sword which was like a hammer while giving thunderous roar.

[Gu... hooo...] (??)

[To knock us down...] (??)

[Don’t you dare!] (??)

Although we were careful not to kill them, the high rank dragons were nearly ten times bigger than us. To tell the truth, we had hardly done much.

For that reason, the dragons steadily got up even after receiving direct blows that could easily crush rocks.

“As expected of high rank dragons, huh? Even when they were hit by the strength of Hokuto and Reus, the scales are not chipped at all.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“That extent is... I would also rather put a bit more strength for that.” (Reus)

“Well, our objective had been achieved with this. Be careful from now on.” (Sirius)

We came here only because of Karen.

Hostility remained as usual, but since they were standing on the same ground as us, they should listen to us.

Before they spread the wings and leaped into the sky again, I called Karen and let her stood next to me.

‘Now, I wonder what kind of reaction they will show...’

[...Hmm!?] (??)

[Is that Karen!] (??)

[Was she safe!?] (??)

Their expressions were hard to read because they were dragons, but I understood well that they were glad to see Karen.

It seemed they knew Karen from how did they sound, but why the person herself had light response?

Leaving our doubt aside, Karen tilted her head, and...

“...Who are you?” (Karen)

[[[Guhuu!]]] (??)

Indeed... her light reaction was due to that. Even if they knew her, it didn't mean that she knew them.

The dragons' necks collapsed at such mutters. I instinctively thought that this wasn't normal, but anyway, conversation was possible because the situation had calmed down.

As I thought so, I untie the feeling of vigilance, but I noticed that the air around the dragons were obviously strange.

[But why is that girl with these people?] (??)

[I heard that she fell in the river, but did they pick her up?] (??)

[No... wait a sec! I have heard that outsiders kidnap winged people to make them as slaves.] (??)

Somehow, they were unusually doubtful.

However, there was nothing that bound Karen. Although she was somewhat thin because of the slavery period, she was wearing proper clothes and looked healthy.

Depending on how people looked at it, they couldn't see her treated as a slave. If they could calmly think, they should be able to understand that she wasn't harmed.

"Excuse me, we are..." (Sirius)

[Could it be... that they are trying to get to our village by letting Karen guide them!?] (??)

[They are not only kidnapping a child... these devils!] (??)

[Let's deal with them right here!] (??)

'That's not good.'

The dragons weren't calm. Perhaps, they were the type that moved by instinct rather than thinking. They were like a degraded version of that Jii-san.

The three dragons, who brilliantly misunderstood, were about to leaped again as they

spread their wings.

They didn't look like taking too much effort by steadily doing so even though they had received the attack earlier. However, if it was going to be like this, we would likely have to fight them until they couldn't move.

Karen retreated back. Then, at the time when we prepared our battle stance... I began to hear a high pitched sound of cutting the wind.

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Aniki! Something is coming from up there!” (Reus)

I was a bit late compared to Hokuto when something was coming closer to us from the sky. When I noticed it and looked up, a dragon was steeply descending toward our direction.

The dragon, whose whole body was dyed with blue color, spread its wing while on its way here. It reduced its speed and elegantly descending in front of us without making loud noise.

The blue dragon was one size larger than the three dragons and it clearly had a different degree of atmosphere surrounding it.

[Ze-zenodora-sama!?] (??)

[Why are you in such a place?] (??)

[It's enough with us here!] (??)

Somehow, their upper body parts stood out.

Hokuto looked considerably wary. So, it didn't seem to be an opponent that he could go easy unlike going against those three dragons altogether.

When I prepared myself and invoked [Boost] as usual, the blue dragon called Zenodora turned its head to the three dragons...

[These idiots!] (Zenodora)

[[[Guhaaaa!?!]]] (??)

While it sounded like a splendid roaring sound, he struck the heads of the dragons lining up with his tail.

It was a blow that caused tremor to the surrounding, but the three dragons steadily got it. It felt like an everyday occurrence.

[Wha-what are you doing!?!] (??)

[The enemy is over there!] (??)

[Yes, that's right! We tried to defeat the devils who take the girl as a hostage...] (??)

[Hey, calm down. I was watching from a distance, but I could feel their fighting spirit.]
(Zenodora)

In that way, it was no longer a fight when Zenodora's preaching started. Anyhow, he seemed to be a dragon whom I could talk to.

The preaching ended after a while. Then, Zenodora looked at us, but from the mood, he seemed to be vigilance even though I couldn't feel any hostility.

[Now, there are many things I want to ask you, but first off, please tell me why you are all coming here. I may let you go depending on your answer.] (Zenodora)

"Understood. Karen, come here." (Sirius)

"...Alright." (Karen)

Then, when Zenodora confirmed the figure of Karen, who had retreated to the rear, he was surprised just like the three dragons and he seemed pleased.

[Ooh, you're safe, Karen.] (Zenodora)

"...Who? Zenodora... are you that Zenodora-sama!?" (Karen)

[Hmm? Haven't you see this appearance yet? Wait for a bit...] (Zenodora)

When I thought why Zenodora closed his eyes after saying so, his body which I had to

look up, began to rapidly shrink. Moreover, the changes occurred and he transformed in to a man who was slightly bigger than Reus.

It was a figure of man who could match the physique of Lior-Jiisan, but blue scales were visible on the skin that could be seen through the openings of his clothes. There were two large horns grew on his head. In addition, he had a tail extended from the butt and the appearance was similar to the time when he was in the dragon form.

Rather than a high rank dragon, this was...

“Sirius-sama. That appearance is...” (Emilia)

“Yeah. He is... a Dragonkin.” (Sirius)

It was probably a bitter memory for the siblings and Reese, but that figure was encountered in the labyrinth of the school, and he looked like Goran who was also the leader of ‘Dragon’s Fresh Blood’.

However, unlike Goraon, the air of a murderer wasn’t there, not even the slightest. There was nothing else to be seen other than a young man with a refreshing smile.

“How is this, Karen? Do you get it if I’m in this form?” (Zenodora)

“Yes! Zenodora-sama!” (Karen)

“Hahaha, more importantly, you are safe!” (Zenodora)

It might be because he was Karen’s acquaintance, her small voice was lively.

‘I guess the high rank dragons have that appearance when they transformed, huh?’

I had a lot of things to ask, but I understood that he wasn’t an enemy for now. I guessed that they should send Karen back to her hometown.

“We protected this girl since a few days ago, and we came here because we wanted to bring her to her hometown.” (Sirius)

“Hou... I hear people changed their opinion when they hear about winged people... but it seems there are curious people too.” (Zenodora)

[Zenodora-sama, do you believe what he says!?] (??)

[Those outsiders deceive Karen. There is no mistake that they are coming here to catch others!] (??)

[People who came here are just that kind of people!] (??)

“Listen, you guys too, transform now. For those who aim for winged people, they usually bring more unusual things and above all, they are people with abilities and they can easily deal with you guys. They are different from people you have encountered so far.” (Zenodora)

Indeed, among us, there weren't only rare Silver Wolfkin and in addition to rare Elf, there was also Hundred Wolves who was known and as the God's messenger.

Furthermore, Reese and I were rare existences as I was a non-attribute and Reese could see spirits. It was a party where there were no ordinary people.

Whether the three dragons understood that there was no choice after being told that by Zenodora, they were also transformed into human figure.

The three young people, who had red, green and yellow hairs proportional to the body color, were like in phase of children before becoming adult... Anyhow, unlike Zenodora, I felt like they were obviously young.

“The introduction is a bit late, but my name is Zenodora. Thank you for helping my companion.” (Zenodora)

“My name is Eye.” (Eye)

“I am Kuva.” (Kuva)

“I am Rai.” (Rai)

“It seems that they have bothered you. I don't mean to support them, but they just started learning about transformation recently. Their minds are still young and it's easy for them to come with wrong conclusions.” (Zenodora)

After finished introducing themselves, Zenodora apologized again while lowering his head.

Based on his presence, I could understand that he was a powerful person and he seemed to be a dragon who had high pride, but I judged that the sincerity to be able to lower his head was splendid.

“It’s alright. I was surprised, but we also managed to counterattack, so let’s say we are equal this time.” (Sirius)

“...Yeah. I was glad that there is no injuries, but there is no distinction. Hey, you guys too, lower your head.” (Zenodora)

“Hmm... I’m sorry.” (Eye)

“But, you guys are bad too because you are also look suspicious!” (Kuva)

“I guess so. You look like the outsiders who take hostages–...” (Rai)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“““Guhaa!?””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

The three people urged by Zenodora to lower their heads were reluctant, but Hokuto approached them unexpectedly during that time and hit their heads with paw.

Although the attitudes of the three were obviously not good, I never thought that Hokuto would jump out.

“Aniki is not a bad person! Basically, you got it wrong, so just say sorry.” (Reus)

“...Is that so? Hey, Hokuto. That much is already good enough...” (Sirius)

“No, I don’t mind. It appears to me the reflection is worth doing it, and it is a good idea to be thought by other people than us. As long as you don’t kill them, I don’t mind whatever you do.” (Zenodora)

“Ze-Zenodora-sama!?” (Eye)

“We’re trying to protect our comrades...” (Kuva)

“Ye-yeah! Besides, this wolf is stronger than expected...” (Rai)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Yes, Sirius-sama is not a bad person! Whatever it was, he saved Karen-chan, so you should understand that firmly!” (Emilia)

“Kuh... we are Dragonkin.” (Eye)

“It’s easy for the wolf and the girl Silver Wolfkin to say that...” (Kuva)

“I thought that they would listen–...” (Rai)

“Gurururu!” (Hokuto)

“Seiza!” (Emilia)

“...Yes.” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

When I noticed, the number of preacher had increased.

As three of them were seiza-ing on the spot, they kept listening to matters about me from Emilia and if they confronted even a bit, they were hit by Hokuto.

Somehow, they looked pitiful, but Zenodora also casually hit them with his tail. I guessed that I had to overlook that since that was to shape up their characters. Hokuto also was going easy on them but it seemed these three dragons were sturdy.

While looking at such a truly surreal scene, Reese and Fia, who put their hands on Karen’s shoulders, asked Zenodora with a slightly serious expression.

“Excuse me... Zenodora-san. It is about Karen-chan. Shall you bring her home soon?” (Fia)

“Aah, I will absolutely send this girl home. Besides... it seems better to hurry a little bit.” (Zenodora)

“Well. It is better to let her see her mother soon so the mother won’t worry too much.” (Fia)

“That’s true, but Karen’s mother, Frenda, is confined to the bed, and she can’t move.” (Zenodora)

“Okaa-san!?” (Karen)

It looked like... it wouldn't be an emotional meeting with the parent.

As Karen made a clamor while spreading her wings, Zenodora began to speak with a sorrowful face.

“A few days ago, she received an arrow by the hand of a trespasser who intruded the area around here. She was holding Karen at that time, and I heard that you were dropped into the river, but... don't you remember that?” (Zenodora)

“...Yes.” (Karen)

“Apparently, she is unclear about that part because of the shock being dropped into the river.” (Fia)

“...I see. If that's the case, there is no need to force her to remember it. After that, the trespassers were cleared by our comrades. Frenda narrowly escaped death because of healing magic, but whether the arrow was painted with poison, she is gradually weakening.” (Zenodora)

The preaching still continued, but I guessed that was the reason why those three were reacting excessively.

Nevertheless, I thought that abruptly attacking us was too much, but I didn't mind now since they were given punishment.

“She is awake, but because of high fever and pain, she can't get up from the bed. Not only healing magic, the medicinal herbs also don't work well. If she remains like this, soon...” (Zenodora)

After that, I heard that she immensely regret letting her daughter go even though that was because she was shot by an arrow.

Not only the body but her heart also broken. In this severe injured condition, she wouldn't remain long.

“That's why she would feel relief if you are safe. Well then, shall we go?” (Zenodora)

“Yeah!” (Karen)

Then, as the preaching at the rear ended, Zenodora changed into dragon form at the same time. However, Karen, who noticed something, looked back with uncomfortable expression.

“...How about everyone?” (Karen)

[I’m sorry, I can’t bring them. I can’t personally invite strangers into the village.]
(Zenodora)

“Eh?” (Karen)

To be honest, we also wanted to go there, but it was difficult to say that we wanted them to take us in this situation. More importantly, no matter how much we protected Karen and brought her here, it was also a fact that we were suspicious.

Perhaps, this might be a farewell to Karen even though it was planned, but it was alright since we were able to achieve our main purpose.

“Karen. You don’t have to worry about us.” (Sirius)

“Yes. Go home soon, and hug your Okaa-san.” (Fia)

“Say Hi to your Okaa-san.” (Reese)

“The only one who can relieve an anxious mother is the daughter, and that’s you, Karen-chan.” (Emilia)

“Have fun with your Kaa-chan!” (Reus)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“But...” (Karen)

Emilia and Hokuto, who finished preaching, also joined in. Although we smiled as much as we could so that Karen wouldn’t worry about us, she didn’t try to move from that spot.

She was probably want to return to the mother soon... I guessed she was a really good girl.

[...Hey, Karen. Do you want to be with those people?] (Zenodora)

“Yes! They saved me, gave me delicious food and taught me magic!” (Karen)

[Did they do bad things to you?] (Zenodora)

“None. Everyone is very kind.” (Karen)

Although our relationship was only for a few days, I was glad when she plainly said that she trusted us so much.

Zenodora glanced at Karen who was answering with such an earnest expression, and after considering for a bit, he called out the three who stood up from the seiza posture.

[You guys. Transform and bring them.] (Zenodora)

“Is that alright?” (Eye)

“We don’t mind, but...” (Kuva)

“After all, the one who will talk with everyone and the chief is...” (Rai)

[It’s fine. I will take the responsibility.] (Zenodora)

As Zenodora received an undaunted answer from Karen, he kept talking while overlooking us.

[Children are sensitive to bad intention. Especially, in the case of this child... If Karen trusts you until that extent... you are not unruly people.] (Zenodora)

Zenodora was saying that while watching Karen’s wings.

He was probably wanted to say that Karen was more sensitive to the surrounding gazes and emotions as a result of having wings that differed from her brethren.

Whether the three was satisfied with Zenodora’s saying, they changed to dragon form this time without hesitation. They lied down on the spot so that we could easily get on.

[Here you go. Please get on my back, Sirius-dono.] (Kuva)

[Come here. Hokuto-sama can get on me.] (Rai)

[Reus-dono can get on me here.] (Eye)

The rehabilitation of the three people were... I meant the three dragons were already completed.

A hierarchical relationship was completely hit in that short time, but it carried various meanings like attendants or partners.

As a result of small discussion, Reese and Fia were asked to get on Zenodora's back together with Karen, while Emilia and I were on the back of the green dragon, Kuva. Reus got on the back of Eye, the red dragon. Lastly, Hokuto was on Rai, the yellow dragon.

[Well then, let's go. Hold on tight.] (Zenodora)

The order of dragons who spread their wings and flew into the sky was starting with Zenodora. Subsequently, Eye, Kuva and Rai were flying in the sideways flank formation.

"As I expected, it is convenient to be able to fly freely." (Sirius)

"Huhuhu... yeah, right." (Emilia)

It might be because Emilia was told that, she gladly cuddled while tightly grasping my back. I didn't mind letting her rub her cheeks, but I would like to stop from biting me in this situation.

At that time, Karen who was anxious riding on Zenodora's back was calmed by Fia and Reese. When I looked at my side, it seemed that Reus was delightedly having conversation with Eye while riding him.

Hokuto was quietly laying down behind Rai's back, but I thought that it was a truly mysterious sight that a wolf was riding on the back of a dragon.

Then, we continued flying over the vast forest for a few minutes and... under our eyes, there was a settlement where many houses spread around an open space that was made by clearing up the forest.

[What you see over there is a village where every one of the winged people who are our Dragonkin's comrades live.] (Zenodora)

"There were many things happening, but we arrived earlier than planned." (Emilia)

"Yeah. I was thinking that when we were attacked, but it turns out alright in the end."
(Sirius)

Although we only flew for a few minutes, we probably needed a day if we were on the ground especially when considering the vast forest and monster attacks.

From the fact that Karen's mother wasn't in good condition, that one day was a huge matter.

"Say. Is it only Dragonkin and winged people live in this village?" (Sirius)

[Yes. There are approximately 500 people live here.] (Kuva)

When I inquired further, most of the population was the winged people and there seemed to be about 30% of them were Dragonkin like Zenodora.

We began to descent while I asked simple questions to Kuva. Then, Zenodora landed in front of a house built in a place that was slightly away from the village. It wasn't a large house but it was good enough for a family to live there.

After that, the three dragons also landed. When we got off their backs, the door of the house was opened and there was a woman with fine white wings on her back appeared.

"Zenodora-sama!? For you to come to this place-..." (??)

[Hmmm. It was due to the emergency but it would be faster if you see it yourself rather than having me explain it.] (Zenodora)

"Debra-Obaachan!" (Karen)

"Karen!?" (Debra)

A woman, who passed over 60 years old from her appearance, smiled as she was surprised. She hugged Karen, who came running hard toward her.

In the meantime, Zenodora told us that she was Frenda's mother.

"You're safe. I was worried, you know." (Debra)

"Yes. Debra-Obaachan... it's hurts a little." (Karen)

"Please just hold on. I'm really worried that much. Zenodora-sama, you've found this child, isn't it?" (Debra)

"You're wrong. It wasn't me who protect this child and brought her here. Those people there did that.] (Zenodora)

"Those people are-...!?" (Debra)

Debrah, who was a late at noticing our presence, hid Karen behind her back, but she resolved the vigilance may be because she remembered what Zenodora had said.

However, since she had suspicion toward us, she was anxiously looking up at Zenodora.

"Zenodora-sama..." (Debrah)

[I know what do you want to say but they seem to be different from the fools that we always see. Just believe in me and greet them.] (Zenodora)

"Onii-san and Onee-chans are not bad people. They saved me." (Karen)

"Really? They were looking after you, right?" (Debra)

Debra still doubted us, but she was convinced at the moment because of the words of Zenodora and Karen.

Nevertheless... when I thought about how Karen, who had irregular wings, was hugged until the shoulders were cramped, it seemed that she was extremely loved. I judged that it was worth coming here even to understand that fact only.

[Ask the detailed circumstances from them. It's because we are in a bit hurry.] (Zenodora)

After glancing at the three dragons lined up next to us, Zenodora was trying to fly by spreading the wings again.

[From now on, I have to explain the circumstances to the chief and everyone else. All of you, don't leave this house, alright?] (Zenodora)

"Understood. If it takes time, we will setup and stay in a tent nearby." (Sirius)

[Hmmm. Be careful not to cause problems with the villagers as much as possible before I get back. It takes a lot of effort to tell that you are not an offender.] (Zenodora)

"If we are not suddenly attacked, we will not do anything." (Sirius)

The three dragons looked away. But I wanted them not to worry because I wasn't angry to begin with. It was all in the past, and more than anything, they brought us here.

When I told them so, the three dragons let out a breath while staying on that spot.

[As expected of Hokuto-sama's master. He is tolerant.] (Rai)

[Zenodora-sama. We would like to remain here.] (Kuva)

[If we can explain, everyone should be safe.] (Eye)

"Hmmm... That is also true. Well then, I leave it to you." (Zenodora)

After that, Zenodora flew away. I noticed that Debra was staring at the remaining us with a serious look.

We weren't completely trusted yet, so we probably should explain a lot, but...

"You are Debra-san... right? Since we are going to wait here, please take Karen to her mother first." (Sirius)

"...You're right. I'm sorry, but you guys are..." (Debra)

"No! Onii-san and Onee-chan are also coming with me!" (Karen)

"It's no good, Karen. Your Okaa-san is sick and I can't afford to bring outsiders inside the house." (Debra)

"Yes, but you have heard from Zenodora-sama. If it is Onii-san and Onee-chan, I think

Okaa-san will be fine with it. So... together with them!" (Karen)

"What is this... what on earth that these people can do? Even our magic didn't work..." (Debra)

I was surprised.

Even when Karen was in a state of anxiety because the mother fell sick, she kept thinking about us desperately.

I was planning to medically check the mother's condition after explaining the circumstances later, but if Karen acted this way, I guessed that I should support her.

"Excuse me, I know a lot about the disease around the world. I said earlier that we would wait, but if it's fine with you, can you bring us along too?" (Sirius)

"I'm confident if it's about healing magic. Please take me so that I can save Karen-chan's Okaa-san!" (Reese)

"It's true! Onii-san knows a lot of thing and Reese-Oneechan's magic is amazing!" (Karen)

"..." (Debra)

When Debrah was persuade with a bit of talking, she scratched her head while sighing after showing an appearance of consideration.

"Haah... I was told by Zenodora-sama to treat you well. It's fine then. Please come in." (Debra)

"Thank you very much." (Sirius)

As I expected, she might be surprised to see Hokuto for the first time. So, Hokuto and the three dragons remained outside while we entered the house.

In the room led by Debra, there was a woman who was sleeping in bed.

She was a blonde woman with characteristics similar to Karen. This person was probably Karen's mother, Frenda. When Karen grew up later, she would be like this beautiful person. I couldn't see this since I was in a distance but now, I noticed that

some of the cheeks were thin.

Karen, who looked at her weakened mother, ran over to the bedside while shedding tears.

“Okaa-san!” (Karen)

“...Karen?” (Frenda)

Frenda, who was closing her eyes to bear the pain and breathing roughly, opened her eyes slowly. However, she could only groan without looking at Karen’s face.

Since her eyes weren’t focused, she was probably thinking that it was hallucination as the consciousness was hazy.

“...I’m... sorry... To let go... your hands... I’m sorry...” (Frenda)

“Okaa-san... it’s me, Karen!” (Karen)

But when Karen grasped her mother’s hands right away, tears began to spill from Frenda’s eyes.

“...Karen...? Is that... really you?” (Frenda)

“Yes, it’s me! I’m home!” (Karen)

“Aah... Karen...” (Frenda)

“...Okaa-san.” (Karen)

In fact, it had been less than half a month since they separated.

However, it was a long time for Karen. As the journey of experiencing various things ended... they finally able to see each other again.



Extra (Joke Materials)

Indeed, among us, there weren't only rare Silver Wolfkin and in addition to rare Elf, there was also Hundred Wolves who was known and as the God's messenger.

Furthermore, Reese and I were rare existences as I was a non-attribute while Reese could see spirits.

"Say. Am I the only ordinary person in this party?" (Sirius)

"I don't think so." (Emilia)

"That's not it." (Reese)

"You are not." (Fia)

"Aniki is the best at flying!" (Reus)

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"You guys..." (Sirius)



Presenting Hokuto – Selfish Compilation

The misunderstanding that they were kidnappers was settled due to Zenodora-san's call. The Master, Hokuto-kun and others were about to get on the back of the three dragons who attacked them earlier.

[Here you go. Please get on my back, Sirius-dono.] (Kuva)

[Come here. Hokuto-sama can get on me.] (Rai)

[Reus-dono can get on me here.] (Eye)

Since the bodies of the dragons were big, everyone else could fit on a single dragon rather than Hokuto-kun alone.

However, since they didn't need to ride together at all, they were riding separately...

"...Hokuto. What are you doing?" (Sirius)

Hokuto-kun, who planned to make the Master ride him, was on the back of Kuva, the green dragon.

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"Hokuto-san is asking Aniki to get on his back." (Reus)

"No... I don't think there is a need to do that." (Sirius)

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"He said that it was his place to let you ride him." (Reus)

"No... I don't get your feeling, and it doesn't make sense. More importantly, wouldn't it burden Kuva?" (Sirius)

Hokuto-kun understood that, but somehow, he couldn't let the Master ride someone else.

Since Hokuto-kun was determined, the Master unintentionally let out a sigh.

"Goodness. If it so, I will..." (Sirius)

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"...Oh, is it?" (Sirius)

So, the Master headed down to the yellow dragon, Rai, whom Hokuto-kun supposedly to ride on, but Hokuto-kun quickly went around and moved to the back of Rai.

Subsequently, the Master headed toward Ai, the red dragon whom Reus was riding on, but...

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"..." (Sirius)

Hokuto-kun went around and cut in.

“...Haah!” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

This time, the Master pretended to go to the green dragon and do a feint to go to the red dragon, but Hokuto-kun took advantage of his physical ability as a wolf by going around and cut in with a momentum that created afterimages.

It was exactly wasting his strength.

“Stop it!” (Sirius)

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

Nevertheless, he still couldn't yield it.

[...Sorry. Are you guys still on it?] (Kuva)

“Please wait for a while. Fuh!” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

As expected, he couldn't give up.

After that... Hokuto-kun was promised with tickets of Frisbee play and full course brushing.

After that two tickets were given, the quarrel between Silver Wolfkin siblings and Hokuto-kun was to be another story...

Chapter 138

The Audience with the Dragons

“Sorry... Karen. Because Kaa-san let go of your hand...” (Frenda)

“No, there is no such a thing. I am fine.” (Karen)

“But... Uhh!?” (Frenda)

“I told you, don’t overdo it!” (Debra)

Karen finally reunited with her mother. The daughter and mother held their hands together while shedding tears, but the mother, Frenda, wasn’t in good condition.

Debra, who saw Frenda moaned in pain, went to the other side. She touched Frenda and used healing magic.

Thanks to that, the complexion was somewhat improved, but whether the pain didn’t go away, the painful expression was unchanging.

“Okaa-san, are you hurt?” (Karen)

“I’m fine... If you are here... such a thing is...” (Karen)

“That’s right, Karen. Obaa-chan will cure your Okaa-san soon, so please wait in the room over there.” (Debra)

“But...” (Karen)

It seemed Frenda tried to look strong in front of her daughter, but from our viewpoint, it was a quite unpleasant situation.

She would lose consciousness if the condition remained still. I knew that it was bad but I had to interrupt them.

In fact, Zenodora said that the healing magic barely had any effect.

“Excuse me...” (Sirius)

“Sorry, but if you want to talk, please do it later.” (Debra)

“Well, judging from appearances, there seems to be some effect from that magic, but the pain itself hasn’t gone. If you continue such a treatment, she would be in a state where the wound would reopen many times...” (Sirius)

“If that’s so, are you saying that I should do nothing but looking at my daughter’s suffering!?” (Debra)

On top of watching the suffering of the daughter, this person also thought that she had lost her grandchild until a while ago.

Especially when she was in a state where the stress was piling up with no place to vent it, she would probably get angry if outsiders opened mouth.

I could bear a bit the angry stare of a parent who worried about her child, but I couldn’t afford to do that now.

“There must be some cause in her body. I can check for it but would it be alright if I touch her?” (Sirius)

“What are you saying? What can you do?” (Debra)

“I heard from Zenodora-sama that the effect of magic and medicinal herbs is a little. If there is no other effective means, can you leave her to me?” (Sirius)

“But you guys are...” (Debra)

It had been a few days since she got hit with arrows from the trespassers, so I should immediately diagnose that pain.

When I also undauntedly stared back, I saw Debra was hesitated. Well, it was a matter of course when it came to her beloved daughter.

Incidentally, Fia, who was standing nearby, touched Karen’s shoulder to give another push.

“...Karen. When it comes to this, please stop Debra-san!” (Fia)

“Yeah!” (Karen)

“Hey Karen! What are you going to do! Get away!” (Debra)

“No! They are going to save Okaa-san!” (Karen)

According to Fia’s instruction, Karen gave a splendid tackle, and... in addition to that, she hugged Debra from the front to stop her from moving.

She couldn’t pull away her granddaughter by force. Then, I stood at the bedside of Frenda in the gap where Debra was puzzled.

“...Who... are you?” (Frenda)

“I protected your daughter and brought her here.” (Sirius)

“Karen was...” (Frenda)

“Yes, and she asked me to treat you. I’m sorry for being too sudden, but I will touch your arm.” (Sirius)

It was a bit forceful if I included the part of sealing Debra’s movement, but Frenda’s treatment was our top priority.

I touched her arm without waiting for reply, and when I used [Scan], there was a reaction of a foreign matter inside her body as I expected.

The spot was deep into the side, and from the shape of reaction...

“Pl-please wait a sec! Take your hands off...” (Debra)

“Frenda-san was shot by an arrow at this spot... I mean from this angle, right? The one who applied healing magic was Debra-san, am I correct?” (Sirius)

“Eh!? Yes... but...” (Debra)

As I had heard in advance, when I told Debra the exact location and the angle of the wound which couldn’t be seen since the spot was covered with clothes, she obediently admitted even though she might feel strange.

“Did you pull out the stuck arrow at the time of treatment?” (Sirius)

“That’s right. If I don’t do that, I can’t treat her.” (Debra)

“Did you see the arrowhead?” (Sirius)

“No... I didn’t really see it, but I think there was nothing attached...” (Debra)

“Then, it was probably come off at that time. Did you use something cheap, and doing it mildly...?” (Sirius)

“Could it be...” (Debra)

“Yes. There is a high possibility that the arrowhead still remain inside Frenda’s body.” (Sirius)

It wasn’t uncommon for arrowhead to be sharpened. Besides, she must be flustered when giving the treatment.

If she thought that the health deterioration was due to poisoning, it wasn’t strange to misunderstand that. This was also a mistake since this world relied on magic.

If this condition remained a bit longer, it could result with remaining sense of discomfort, but in her case, the foreign object remained in an exquisite position, even if she was healed with healing magic, the arrowhead would injure the organs and created new wounds with any movement. That was the reason why Frenda was suffering even if she had been treated.

In worst case scenario, the severe pain might cause death to the shock, but there was also a possibility that she had survived until now because she was kept healed by magic.

However, if it was repeated again and again, it would definitely reduce her lifespan.

“This is not only restricted to the arrowhead, but she will continue to suffer as long as the foreign matters remain inside.” (Sirius)

When I explained so while checking for other abnormalities, Debra looked down with a bitter expression.

She didn't want to believe what a suspicious man said, but it was difficult to deny it.

"As long as the foreign matter remain inside... could it be!?" (Debra)

"You're right. There is no way other than opening a hole in the body and taking it out."
(Sirius)

"Are you going to cut my daughter's body? I understand your reasoning, but if you do such a thing, this girl will..." (Debra)

"Either way, she keeps suffering as it is. And since I have experience in this, it is possible to do it with minimal pain." (Sirius)

It was the same situation when I first met Reese's sister, Lifell-Hime, but what differs was the foreign matter exhausted her stamina.

More importantly, the reaction of the foreign matter came from deep into the side. Unlike arms and legs, there were many important organs. It was natural that the cut surface would be minimal, but it was necessary to take measures by considering infections.

"I think that it would be difficult even when you are told to believe in us especially when we just met, but since I have proof it to you by bringing Karen back, would you leave this to me?" (Sirius)

"...Why are you doing this so much? This is the first time you meet my daughter."
(Debra)

"I don't want to see Karen's crying face, but the best reason is... because I know the sorrow and bitterness of losing a mother." (Sirius)

"Sirius-sama..." (Emilia)

"Aniki..." (Reus)

I still couldn't forget the bitterness when my 'mother', Erina, passed away.

Nevertheless, I might unintentionally hurt Frenda even if I gave her treatment, and there was a possibility that all dragons would come after me, but... it didn't matter.

I myself wished to do so, and more than anything, I wanted to be a man not ashamed as the teacher of his disciples.

“I don’t want her to taste the bitter feeling after she finally meets her mother. Besides, even if it’s harmful or anything unavoidable, if there is a life in front of me that I can save, I will do so.” (Sirius)

When I clearly said that, Debra stopped going against Karen who had been hugging and desperately holding her back.

She didn’t seem completely convinced by looking at her sighing, but the appearance that gently stroked Karen’s head was calm and gentle.

“If she remains like this, there will be no changes... is it?” (Debra)

“Obaa-chan...” (Karen)

“If you have confidence, you may try it. However... if something happen, I will hit you with magic.” (Debra)

“Sure. When that time comes, do it without hesitation. Well then, let’s start at once.” (Sirius)

It would only look suspicious from the view of a person who didn’t know anything, but if I had already reached this point, it was my ‘victory’.

‘Let’s do this without changing Debra’s feeling and also Frenda’s resilience.’

“I will make slightly clean this place.” (Fia)

“Sorry, but please wait a sec. Aniki, is it fine to do this here?” (Reus)

First was the preparation. Fia called the wind and blew dust away out of the room, while Reus slowly held Frenda and moved her from the bed to the table with a clean cloth.

I made her sleep with sleeping powder beforehand, but since Debra frowned because Frenda was transferred from the Bed, Emilia explained to her while keep on preparing.

“Her whole body will get wet when Sirius-sama and Reese treat her, so it would be

inconvenient to do it on the bed. If you don't mind, may I ask your assistance to take off Frenda's cloth?" (Emilia)

"It's fine, but it's a bit pitiful to expose her skin." (Debra)

"It's alright, Debra-san. I will go out." (Reus)

"Then, let me do this." (Sirius)

"Haa?" (Debra)

I rolled a cloth and completely closed my eyes at the same time when Reus left the room.

Although it was a foolish appearance, I could determine the surrounding situation by feeling the presence and based on [Search]'s reactions. Hence, it was unnecessary to have a view to do medical treatment.

In other words, it didn't matter if I saw her or not. If I had to say, I was doing it because it was ethical to do so.

While feeling a gaze of hesitation on my back whether this was exaggerating or should be stopped, I approached Frenda who was put on the table.

"Well then... we will be doing a standard surgery. Reese." (Sirius)

"Yes, I'm going! Oh Water, protect her from dust..." (Reese)

During the preparation, when Reese concentrated her magic power and unleashed a magic, the whole body of Frenda was covered with a film of water.

In addition to disinfecting the whole body with this film of water, it had a function of suppressing bleeding while preventing bacteria infection from the wound. Besides, she was amazing since this didn't prevent breathing as this technique let the nose and mouth not covered.

It was a magic born from the regret that she couldn't do anything at the time with Princess Lifell, but I was very grateful with the magic since I had the ability to extract foreign matter from the body.

If the body wasn't protected with this magic even if I managed to remove a foreign matter, there was a good possibility that it would cause some kind of infection.

"The anesthetic preparation has been completed. Next is..." (Sirius)

I released mana as I touched Frenda's body by thrusting my hand into the water film. After applying the usual anesthesia, I gently pushed the disinfected knife into Frenda's flank.

I kept the size of the wound large enough to allow foreign matter to pass and handed the knife to Emilia who was waiting behind me. From now on, I didn't require knife but some precision work.

'Now... here's the real thing.'



"Extraction... is done." (Sirius)

A number of [String]s penetrated the wound and pushed around the organs to such an extent that it wouldn't cause any burden. It was around 30 minutes after the surgery began when I took the foreign matter out without injuring the inside of the body.

In the meantime, I was very tired since I continued manipulating [String]s individually through [Multi-Task] and using [Search] in order to precisely know the position of foreign matter inside the body as it wasn't visible from the outside.

Anyhow, the procedure wasn't completed yet even after the foreign matter was successfully removed.

I treated the internal organs which were repeatedly healed and injured many times with regenerative activity and now, Reese was killing the bacteria by manipulating water.

"...Seriously. There was such a thing inside her body." (Debra)

"There are many sharp points on that thing and it is natural to feel painful when it is moving inside the body." (Sirius)

The removed foreign matter was put in a small container prepared by Emilia, but as I expected, it was an arrowhead.

As a matter of course, it was an iron arrowhead, so it wasn't possible to convince even if unless it was removed.

While Debra was staring at the arrowhead, Karen pulled my sleeve with anxious expression.

"Okaa-san... is she alright?" (Kaern)

"What is left is to close the wound. Please wait a little more." (Sirius)

Then, the surgery ended after Reese finished her treatment on the wound part and erasing the scar. There was no problem to entrust things to everyone.

Emilia wiped Frenda who got wet with towel and dressed her up. She cooperated with Fia to move Frenda to the bed. After confirming that, I removed the blindfold and sat on a nearby chair.

Reese also breathing heavily on the next chair, but she had a satisfied expression.

I would like to take a rest for a while like this, but first, let me informed the result.

"Karen. Your Okaa-san is not in bad situation anymore, so you don't have to worry, alright." (Sirius)

"Really!?" (Karen)

"Yes. When she wakes up, the pain will surely disappear. But, I don't think she will wake up for a while, so you should also take a rest." (Sirius)

"Yes. I will be by Okaa-san's side." (Karen)

It was already dark outside. I should be tired since I went into the forest since the morning. And then, Karen brought a chair and sat near her mother.

By the way, Emilia went out to call Reus. In the meantime, I looked at Debra who was sitting on the opposite chair.

“It seems that she didn’t have the stamina, but the operation was successful. I think that she will steadily recover after recuperating.” (Sirius)

“Really... Is she fine already?” (Debra)

“Yes. However, Frenda-san is considerably weakened, so I think that it is best not to move her body for a while.” (Sirius)

“I don’t mind. As long as the girl is alright... it is fine.” (Debra)

Whether the vigilance had loosened after stretching it until now, Debra was gently laughing while looking exhausted. If she was like this, she seemed calm down and she would listen to me.

When the siblings returned, we introduced each other. I explained the situation where we protected Karen, who was a slave, until we reached here.

She was surprised to hear that Karen was being enslaved, but when I told that she had no deep wound physically and mentally, she breathed out as if she was relieved.

“Haa... such things happened, is it? Anyhow, thank you very much for helping my daughter and grandchild.” (Debra)

“I just couldn’t abandon Karen after all.” (Sirius)

“Yes. We just did what we wanted to do.” (Emilia)

“Nonetheless, I’m very grateful. And... I’m sorry for being harsh at the beginning. No matter how hard I may try, it’s hard for me to like adventurers.” (Debra)

“As I expected. Everyone who lives in this village seems not comfortable with outsiders.” (Sirius)

It couldn’t be helped. After all, those who came to dragon’s nest were only greedy people like the bunch who found Karen.

But, Debra slowly shook her head while wryly smiles at my words.

“No... Well, you are right, but it my case, it’s a personal matter.” (Debra)

At the time when Debra was hesitated whether she should talk about it or not, the grumbling stomach sounds came from three directions as if it was about the time. Reese and Reus were laughing in embarrassment.

The outside was already dark, and it was inevitable since the dinner hour had passed so long ago. Incidentally, I also heard the sound from Karen, and it was cute when she looked away as if to say the sound didn't come from her.

"My bad. I was talking long without treating my benefactors. I can't prepare too extravagant, but I'll go prepare some meals first. Let me say this, I'll be angry if you decline now." (Debra)

"It can't be help if you are angry. I would like to have some, please." (Sirius)

"Yes, you can leave it to me. Karen, Obaa-chan will prepare meal now. Please wait a bit more." (Debra)

"Yeah!" (Karen)

Whether it was because Karen returned to her house, she slightly loosened the mouth more than usual and cheerfully nodded.

She went to the kitchen which was in the next room, but I expected that it would be hard to prepare meals for this number of people alone. Especially when we have gluttonous siblings who ate a lot...

"If it's cooking, I also can help-..." (Sirius)

"I will help. Sirius-sama, please continue resting. Of course, Reese too." (Emilia)

Since it was true that I was tired because it was only for short time, I decided to accept Emilia's suggestion.

As I absentmindedly observed Karen who was watching Frenda sleeping with a slightly better complexion, Hokuto came in from the opposite window.

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

Although I entrusted Hokuto to watch the outside, I felt relieved because my work was done.

Anyhow, when I used [Search], I sensed two big reactions approaching here.

“...It seems like Zenodara-sama. I guessed the discussion is over.” (Reese)

“I wonder if we aren’t considered as enemies.” (Fia)

“I’m not sure about that, but I feel another similar reaction. There is a possibility that it may suddenly attack us. Let’s prepare in case something is going to happen.” (Sirius)

“Yes. Shall we prepare to escape?” (Emilia)

When I told Emilia through [Call] so that she was prepared for anything, the whole house was slightly trembled.

That was perhaps the two had landed, but since Zenodara’s landing was quiet, the other was probably rough.

As I thought so while waiting, Zenodora opened the door in a form of a man.

“Sorry to make you wait. I took a bit of time to explain to hard-headed people.” (Zenodora)

Unlike when we parted, he was now looked a bit tired, but since I didn’t feel any hostilities or tensions, it seemed that there was no need to immediately escape.

“No, it’s not a problem. More importantly, what is going to happen to us?” (Sirius)

“Well... can you follow me now? You seem tired, but apparently, the chief wants to see you face to face.” (Zenodora)

“He won’t forgive you if you refuse, you know?” (??)

Zenodora looked a bit sorry, but another Dragonkin, who arrived in a bit later, had sharpened eyes.

He was a Dragonkin with whole body dyed in red and it was our first time to meet him, but it seemed we had to be very alert.

“There is no need to glare too much. Why are you like this?” (Zenodora)

“Silent. Besides, you let your guard down to the outsiders. The outsiders are bringing us nothing but misfortune, don’t you think so?” (??)

“It’s not only misfortune. Look, can you see Frenda who has been suffering to sleep that peacefully?” (Zenodora)

Since Zenodora was taking time to come to this room after arriving, it seemed that she had already heard the story from Debra.

The two argued for a while, but was it because Zenodora smoothly talking, the amount of words coming from the red Dragonkin gradually decreased.

After confirming that the red Dragonkin finally became quiet, Zenodora smiled at us.

“Leaving him aside, I have heard from Debra. You guys have saved Frenda’s life.” (Zenodora)

“We treated her only within our capabilities.” (Sirius)

“Hmm, I don’t know whether she is truly healed or anything.” (??)

The red Dragonkin was glaring as if he wasn’t deceived, but Zenodora didn’t mind him and kept talking.

“If they fail, they will turn all of us to be your enemies. Do you think they can easily escape? However, with this, the discussion can proceed forward. Well then, shall we go?” (Zenodora)

“Understood. Everyone... is it?” (Sirius)

“Of course! I was coming here to prevent you from doing anything you like.” (??)

‘In other words, this red Dragonkin is like an observer, right?’

I didn’t mind going since the discussion could proceed forward, but if it failed, it would be painful since we couldn’t return here.

In order to see the progress of Frenda, I would like to remain here for couple of days at least.

If it became like this, everyone... it couldn't be helped then. I meant Reese and Reus in particular would be hungry even though I wanted to finished the dinner first.

Since Zenodora said he would wait outside after saying that, we headed to Debra to explain the circumstances.

"Is that so? There is no other choice if the chief has decided." (Debra)

"Sorry. We're not sure when we will be back, so will have it next time-..." (Sirius)

No, I'm sure they will allow you because you have saved my daughter and grandchild. I'll prepare you a lot of dishes, so don't worry about me." (Debra)

"Thank you very much." (Sirius)

I realized that I became slightly calm from Debra who seeing us off with a refreshing smile. I might be vulnerable to mother-like existences.

Lastly, I tried to tell Karen something, but somehow I couldn't find her.

Well, I didn't think she would go somewhere after coming home, and there was no problem since I sensed that she was nearby based on the reaction of [Search].

I went outside as I thought so, but...

"I'm also going with you!" (Karen)

I was taken aback when she jumped to the back of Zenodora who was in the form of a dragon.

She probably felt uneasy when listening to the conversation earlier.

"I understood that Okaa-san is already fine. Next is Onii-san and Onee-chans turn!" (Karen)

"You finally get to see your Okaa-san, right? In that case, it would be better for you to wait with your Obaa-chan-..." (Sirius)

"I'm going!" (Karen)

She was a considerable stubborn child.

However, since she was acting because she worried about us, it was hard to say whether I should be happy or else.

Debra came out from the house and I asked her to persuade Karen since I was wondering what to do with her.

“...Please take her along.” (Debra)

“Are you sure?” (Sirius)

“Yes, that child worries about you guys just like how she worries about Frenda. Besides, it is safer to bring her along.” (Debra)

[That’s right It would probably better to directly show that Karen was safe to the chief. By the way, Sirius. Will Frenda wake up soon?] (Zenodora)

“She would wake up at least tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.” (Sirius)

[If it so, there won’t be any problem if you come back tonight. Well, according to you guys, Debra alone would be fine here.] (Zenodora)

[Zenodora-sama. If that’s the case...] (Eye)

[We will remain here...] (Kuva)

[If there is anything, shall we report it to you?” (Rai)

Thereupon, the three dragons came up with the good idea while their tails stood up.

Surely, it would be helpful if they contacted me if Frenda started suffering due to unforeseen circumstances, but Zenodora turned a sharp look toward the three dragons.

[...Isn’t that because you guys don’t want to see the chief?] (Zenodora)

[Such a thing is...!] (Eye)

[No, it’s not!] (Kuva)

[We are worried about Frenda-...!] (Rai)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

[[[I’m sorry! Don’t be angry!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Whether their upbringings were corrected during the time when we treated Frenda, they were trained to be that obedient in front of Hokuto.

As it turned out later, they felt uneasy because they were repeatedly unleashing breath attack that burned the forest without hesitation and without confirming the opponents. They did that because they became hypersensitive after Frenda was attacked.

Of course, they probably worried about Karen and Frenda, but was that the reason why they wanted to remain here?

“In the unlikely event, I feel better if there is someone who can convey information, so in my opinion, it’s better for them to remain here.” (Sirius)

[That is true. In any case, whether they would be scold or not, that will be later.] (Zenodora)

“It’s hopeless, huh?” (Reus)

“Yup.” (Zenodora)

[[[...]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

According to Reus, the preaching had been decided.

Thus, the depressed three dragons had to leave and we got on the back of Zenodora.

Well, since Hokuto made a sound asking me to ride him, I guessed that I had to ride him then.

[You’re slow! How long do you want to make the chief waiting for you!?] (??)

[Don’t be impatient. The chief also is not in a hurry.] (Zenodora)

While the red dragon, whose whole body closely dyed with blood color, angry, he soared into the sky at the same time when we arrived.

However, we were flying there not because the destination was far, but it was because it couldn't be reach other than by flying there. It was a bit troublesome, but since the dragons and winged people could fly in the sky, it wasn't inconvenient for them.

Then, the place where we arrived after short journey in the sky ended was a huge cave dug in the hill.

[This is the cave where we use for meetings. Now, the chief and surrounding leaders are gathered here. By the way, the thick-headed person beside me... Mejia is also one of them.] (Zenodora)

"You bastard! Don't you unnecessarily tell my name to the outsiders!]" (Mejia)

[It's because you will never tell them forever. Now, follow me.] (Zenodora)

Since the cave was large enough for them to go through even in the form of a dragon, the red dragon called Mejia entered the cave just like that.

We got down from Zenodora and that Mejia showed a disgust expression. We were walking behind the leading big blue dragon, and we noticed something midway.

[Zenodora-sama. Is there some kind of etiquette that we should be aware when meeting the chief?" (Sirius)

[It's good enough if you act like when you're with me. Unless you are being ridiculous, he is a Jii-san who is gentle to women and children.] (Zenodora)

He was laughing while saying so, so it didn't seem necessary to be on guard.

However, we didn't lose our vigilance and we were walking while Reus was leading us. I instinctively looked around the cave since it was filled with various ornaments.

"Nevertheless, it is a big cave—... no, its structure is close to a shrine. I wonder if the cave was dug to be like this." (Fia)

"I heard it was made by a magnificent Earth Magic, but that was long time ago." (Karen)

[Hmm, you know well, Karen. You were right. A few decades ago, the chief used his magic a few decades ago.] (Zenodora)

“With his own hands... that requires tremendous effort and mana.” (Sirius)

[That’s because the chief of the Dragonkin barely leaves this place. Based on his long story, he said that he was digging to kill time.] (Zenodora)

“From our point of view, he is scary dragon, but the impression somewhat change, isn’t it?” (Emilia)

“Is the chief a bigger dragon than Zenodora-Oniichan? I wonder how big he is.” (Reese)

We continued walking for some time while talking in that way. Then, we arrived in a hall that was many times wider than the passageway we went through.

A stone statue of a huge dragon was built in the inner part of the hall and behind that statue, there was a figure of a sitting black dragon.

That black dragon was much bigger than Zenodora and Mejia, but... since the presence was something else, that was surely the chief.

In the center of hall, fire was burned in a container made of rock. Zenodora and the dragons of various colors were holding still around it.

[Asrad-sama! We have brought the outsiders.] (Mejia)

[...So they have come?] (Asrad)

When Mejia lowered his head as if he was paying great respect, the black dragon, Asrad, slowly nodded. How should I say this... this solemn atmosphere was like having an audience with a king.

And then, the gazes of gigantic dragons gathered to us all at once, and while the tense air flowed...

[As-jii!] (Karen)

[...Well, the adventurers have come. My name is Asrad... I am the chief of this village.] (Asrad)

“As-jii! Onii-san and Onee-chans are not bad people!} (Karen)

[I’m calling you all not because of any other reasons. I want to directly listen from you on what you have done to this village...] (Asrad)

“They know a lot of things and they taught me! So, don’t bully them!” (Karen)

However, it was because Karen didn’t read the atmosphere at all, the solemn atmosphere that existed until now vanished.

Sure enough, Asrad kept talking while maintaining the atmosphere...

[Say, Karen. Jii-chan has something important to talk, so be quiet a bit–...] (Asrad)

“No!” (Karen)

It seemed that this was going to take some time.



Extra/Bonus Act 1 – Satiety

The time when we walked in the cave and at the rear of Zenodora...

“Uu... I’m hungry...” (Reese)

“...I’m hungry.” (Reus)

“Me too...” (Karen)

At that time, the glutton siblings + 1 were secretly reaching the limit of hunger.

“It can’t be helped. Here, eat this.” (Sirius)

“““Yeay!””” (Reese/Reus/Karen)

Sirius gave Reese, Reus and Karen fairly large dried meat.

Karen’s satiety level... gained 25%.

Reus' satiety level... gained 2%.

Reese's satiety level... hadn't gone up.

"What!? If you are ordinary people, that should satisfy your hunger, you know!?"
(Sirius)

""More!"" (Reese/Reus)

※Supplement info.

If the maximum of common satiety is 100...

Reus' maximum satiety level is about 500 (speculated number).

Reese's is... unknown.



Extra/Bonus Act 2 – Hokuto's Quiz

[...Isn't that because you guys don't want to see the chief?] (Zenodora)

[Such a thing is...!] (Eye)

[No, it's not!] (Kuva)

[We are worried about Frenda–...!] (Rai)

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

[[[I'm sorry! Don't be angry!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Question... what did Hokuto say at that time?

1. [Don't be too frank!]
2. [My forefoot is groaning, you know?]

3. [Master, please brush me.]

※ The three dragons merely misunderstood.

4. [Come with me to the behind of that building!]

And the answer is—... (The sentence ends here).

Surely, the answer chosen by the reader is the correct answer... well, maybe.



Presenting Hokuto

When the Master was treating Frenda-san in Karen-chan's house, Hokuto-kun was waiting outside with the three dragons.

[Hmmm...] (Eye)

[Is it because late at night?] (Kuva)

[Nobody is coming.] (Rai)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

[[[I'm sorry! We properly have been listening!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Since they were available for the time being, Hokuto was educating the three dragons while watching the surroundings.

When flying in the sky, the flight formation of flanking each other was susceptible to wind. So, Hokuto explained by drawing a triangle formation, but...

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

[Uh... As expected.] (Eye)

[What is he saying?] (Kuva)

[I don't know.] (Rai)

Because they were different species, the three dragons couldn't understand Hokuto-kun's language.

They understand the general meanings from Hokuto-kun's reaction, but they couldn't understand the details.

Incidentally, the time when they were educated was translated by Emilia-chan.

"...Woof!" (Hokuto)

Accordingly, Hokuto came up with a good idea. He decided to draw a picture on the ground and explained.

By skillfully using his nails, they should be able to understand since he didn't only draw pictures, but also letters, but...

[Air flow? Lift power?] (Eye)

[I don't really understand, but we have the abilities...] (Kuva)

[I can easily fly when I accept some wind, you know?] (Rai)

They were right, but they didn't understand such advantages like they would have a surplus if the influence of the wind was small.

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

[[[So, what should I do!?!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

"Hmm... It is strangely noisy, what's wrong?" (Reus)

[[[Help us!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Later... by Reus' explanation and Emilia who came later, they understood Hokuto-kun's intentions.

[I see... was that sort of thing?] (Eye)

[That is to cut down the waste, isn't it? As expected of Hokuto-sama.] (Kuva)

[Anego and Aniki also helped us.] (Rai)

Incidentally, not only Hokuto-kun's, the siblings' shares also went up.

※ Hokuto was familiar with the air flow and other stuff because he heard of such things when he went travelling all over the world with the Master in the previous life. He recalled all that and understood it when he became a Hundred Wolves.

Chapter 139

The Dragonkin and The Winged People

[Ahem... Greeting adventurers. My name is Asrad. I'm a Dragon and the chief of this village.] (Asrad)

A few minutes after Karen desperately trying to save us... the conversation was finally resumed.

Asrad started to speak with a serious look to regain the majestic air in the beginning, but...

"As-Jii! Don't bully everyone!" (Karen)

[Aah, alright, alright. I'm not angry with these people, so calm down."] (Asrad)

[But, Asrad-sama. I have to say something if they are harmful to us-...] (Mejia)

[Hey! Silent, Mejia.] (Zenodora)

"I told you, it's not good!" (Karen)

Since such a truly friendly banter happened until a while ago, there was almost no tension.

By the way, Karen, who was causing the commotion, was currently licking the candy mixed with honey besides Fia while remained still.

Whether the surrounding dragons understood that the discussion wouldn't progressed forward, they didn't say anything, but... unlike Zenodora and Asrad, their eyes looking at Karen weren't gentle.

Although the difference in interest became a matter of concern, since the other side had mentioned his name, it would be rude if we didn't do the same.

Then, we gave our name and at the end of each other's introduction, Asrad suddenly

bowed his head.

[First of all, let me thank you for bringing back Karen. She is our comrade.] (Asrad)

[Asrad-sama! I understand your reason, but there is no need to lower your head!] (Mejia)

It seemed that Mejia raised his voice because he wasn't conformable with outsiders, but it made me think that he was a dragon with strict discipline.

As far as we concerned, they were strict bunch, but since I could understand that it was necessary to give a stern opinion among group members, I decided to observe without interjecting them.

[However, it is true that they saved our comrade, Karen. And that also relieved her mother who was worried about her.] (Zenodora)

[That's true, but...] (Mejia)

[The last thing to do is to make the decision. Let me repeat the question interrupted earlier. Be honest, adventurers. Why are you coming here, visiting my village?] (Asrad)

Changing from the gentle attitude toward Karen, Asrad gave a sharp gaze toward us.

It was as if he could see through our hearts. This was a situation where we could turn all dragons in the village to be enemies if we lied.

In short, he was probably threatening us to confess if we were planning something, but since we didn't have anything to be ashamed or nothing to hide, I would reply confidently.

"I think that you have already heard from Zenodora-sama. We came here to send Karen to her mother since we coincidentally rescued her in the middle of our journey." (Sirius)

[Is that it?] (Asrad)

"If I have to add one more reason, that is because I'm interested. I was wondering where the winged people live and what kind of living they have." (Sirius)

[...Did you come for such reasons? You probably will die if you are attacked by us and monsters, you know?] (Asrad)

“That’s because I’m trained to the point not to be killed by monsters and dragons. That is the plan after sending Karen home, and with this, we have almost achieved our plan.” (Sirius)

When I answered clearly, Asrad looked amazed. Then, he looked at my disciples.

[Are others also the same?] (Asrad)

“I’m doing this for Karen-chan, but I am following Sirius-sama because I’m his attendant.” (Emilia)

“I’m not his attendant, but I have the same thought.” (Reese)

“I’m just following Aniki!” (Reus)

“We are a family gathered around Sirius. So, that question serves no purpose.” (Fia)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

There was also a feeling of pressure due to the big stature of the dragons. Ordinary people would probably cringe with fear just by their glares, but far from looking away, they were answering back without fear.

Well, we weren’t lying anyway.

[Hmm... they don’t seem to be lying.] (Asrad)

[I don’t doubt you, but do you believe them?] (Mejia)

[At least, they are not our enemies. We just have to keep watching them.] (Asrad)

[Asrad-sama. I’m sorry to interrupt your talk, but I have an important information. I’ve just confirmed this earlier, but it seems that Frenda’s illness has been healed by these people.] (Zenodora)

[What did you say!? Mejia, did you see that too?] (Asrad)

[Ye-yes! I'm not sure if she is completely healed or not, but Frenda wasn't in pain when I saw her.] (Mejia)

"That's because Onii-san took the bad thing away, and Okaa-san is fine now!" (Karen)

[As you can see, Karen has also confirmed that situation. I propose that we should welcome them as a reward from saving our comrades.] (Zenodora)

Zenodora made the suggestion while taking a step forward, but the eyes of the dragons, who were holding back in the surroundings, were severe.

Basically, the cause of this was due to the outsiders like us came here and they probably couldn't agree like Zenodora.

In the meantime, Asrad glanced at us, and then, he finally looked straight at Zenodora.

[Zenodora. It's true that they saved our comrades, but didn't you just meet them? You were the one who brought them to the village, but aren't you over valuing them?] (Asrad)

[That's right. Why can't you argue that they are not going to harm us?] (Mejia?)

[I have the basis to confirm that they are not enemies. If they are aiming for winged people, there is no need to bring Karen home.] (Zenodora)

[Is that the reason for bringing them to the village?] (Asrad)

[If that's the case, it would be enough if they threaten Karen, and so far, they didn't do so. More importantly, while knowing that they were under our watch, they also had no reason to treat Frenda.] (Zenodora)

[It is still too early to confirm if Frenda is really healed. They may want to gain our trust in doing so and there is also a possibility that they are aiming for openings.] (Mejia)

[What? Let alone the foolishness of our people, do you think that we are frail existences that can be easily done? Besides, Asrad-sama judged that they weren't lying, so it would be a good idea to have deliberate judgment from now on.] (Zenodora)

The other dragons kept on pressing, but Zenodora's persuasion continued.

Even so... although I was glad that Zenodora defended us, I wondered why he valued us that much?

[They are humans and yet, they aren't scared even when they are surrounded by us. And even the one called the Hundred Wolves permit them. So, they are obviously different from the foolish outsiders that we have seen so far.] (Zenodora)

[Hmm, you are right.] (Asrad)

[Above all... isn't this interesting? Like what the man said earlier, he may show us something new. The chief should be able to understand it.] (Zenodora)

[...I see.] (Asrad)

[Anyhow, we should listen to their wish. In any case, they can't get out of this village without our cooperation.] (Zenodora)

As Zenodora turned around as much as to say that this was the point of compromise, I took a step forward and slightly lowered my head.

For some reason, Zenodora seemed to be on our side, but since I didn't feel any suspicious signs from his words and attitudes, I guessed it was fine to believe him for now.

We listened to various complicated circumstances, and now, we should tell them our request.

[What Zenodora said was reasonable. Let me ask you, what would you ask of us? If you want money, I can give you some jewels I dug from this cave.] (Asrad)

"In that case, I would like to stay for a few days in the village." (Sirius)

[Permission to stay, is it? Tell me your reason.] (Asrad)

"I still want to confirm Frenda-san's progress, but I also would like to see the lives of people living here. I'm not only looking for rare things and scenery. I am traveling to see the way people live." (Sirius)

Since this was a journey to spread the view, I would like to experience the life here and to understand the relationship between the winged people and the dragons by all means.

Mejia and other dragons who seemed to be suspicious turned their eyes toward us because of those words.

[Why do you want to know? If it's about our lives, it will be enough for a day, right?]
(Mejia)

[Besides, you said that Frenda's treatment has been completed. Is there still any need to see the progress?] (Asrad)

"I can't overlook injuries and illnesses. Unlike the tenacious you, the winged people are almost similar to human, so we shouldn't neglect until she completely recovered. Moreover, I am worried to leave Frenda to those who couldn't notice that the cause was a foreign matter in her body." (Sirius)

[What did you say!?] (Mejia)

Indeed, I was an outsider. I understood that part, but... Frenda was a patient who Reese and I treated. Besides, she was an important mother of Karen who was like our sister. At least, I wanted to observe until she could walk.

It might sound arrogant especially when I wasn't a doctor, but there were things that I couldn't let people looked down on me.

Although the dragons were frustrated with those provocative words, I would reply without fear.

"Incidentally, I believe that I can truly understand something that I experience. To feel it, to look at it by my own eyes and not from the information heard from the books and hearsay. We may be a small existence to you, Dragons, but I don't think that you surpass us at everything." (Sirius)

[Hmm... do you go around with that kind of mouth?] (Random Dragon)

[If you didn't save our comrade, I would already bite you with my fangs...] (Random Dragon B)

“The fang is me! You don’t know if I’m going to bite you!” (Reus)

“Gurururu!” (Hokuto)

“You can’t fight!” (Karen)

Fight... we shouldn’t go that far. Somewhat, this situation became bad. Not only Reus and Hokuto, Karen also stood in front to defend us.

When I smiled since Karen wasn’t scared at all in such a situation, Asrad, who was watching the circumstances, suddenly laughed out loud.

[Hahaha! Back down, you all. Just admit that it’s our lose.] (Asrad)

[...If the chief say so.] (Random Dragon)

[Kuh! To be told to back down even when we are the Dragonkin...] (Random Dragon)

It seemed that they didn’t really hate us from the very beginning. It was just that they were frustrated because he had to relent for now. Indeed, the Dragonkin were a kind that hated losing.

[What? These people are going to stay in the village for a while. If you think that you have lost, you can challenge them for a match later. And since his big mouth didn’t seem like a lie, shall we thorough observe them? You also may look at us.] (Asrad)

“Asrad -sama. That mean...” (Sirius)

[Aah. We welcome you all and I permit you to stay in the village.] (Asrad)

“Thank you very much. However, since it’s a bother to watch us all the time, please do it in moderation.” (Sirius)

“...We’re going to be fine, right?” (Emilia)

“Yes, we will stay with Karen.” (Fia)

“As-jii! ” (Karen)

Since it was guaranteed by Fia, Karen, who was pleased, leaped onto Asrad’s tail which

lied before him. Then, the tail was lifted and Karen was put on his palm.

Although it was a considerable height based on the size of the dragon, it seemed that Karen was used to it when looking how glad she was. Their relationship seemed good.

[Although I have made the decision, there are many of us who are cautious toward outsiders. Pay attention not to cause problems.] (Asrad)

“Understood.” (Sirius)

[In that case, I would like to guide these people.] (Zenodora)

[Hmm, I leave the guests to Zenodora. With this, we will dismiss for today. People, watch your manners and don't embarrassed the name of the Dragonkin.] (Asrad)

[[[Yes!]]] (Dragons)

All dragons turned around according to Asrad's order. Then, then moved to the entrance of the cave.

However, while on their way there, only Mejia turned around to look at us... No, I wondered why he was looking only at me.

He seemed to have same feeling as me, but in the end, he tilted his neck without saying anything and left the cave.

As we, Asrad and Zenodora were the only ones remained in the cave, we were talking about the future plan.

[Well, it's about the place where you can stay...] (Zenodora)

“It's my house!” (Karen)

[Hmm... It's reasonable, but it will be too crowded for five people to stay in that house.] (Asrad)

“We have camping tools. We're fine to sleep outside even if there is no beds.” (Sirius)

“Everyone doesn't need to enter the house, and it's alright if rotate every day.” (Reese)

“I’ll be glad if it gets narrower. That way, I can legitimately sleep by Sirius-sama’s side, and... uhmpph!” (Emilia)

It might be because the situation got better, Emilia’s mouth began to let loose, but I was somehow able to cover her mouth. Recently, I was concerned about Karen, and may be that was why she was a bit spoiled.

I was able to feel relax since we were able to send Karen home safely. Tonight, it was highly likely that she would get into my bed and sweet-biting my neck and shoulders.

“Excuse me, is there a building where there is no villagers nearby?” (Fia)

[Oh yeah... there is a hut that we use as a storehouse at the edge of the village. No one will come close at night, so you may use it freely if you don’t leave it untidy.] (Zenodora)

“Alright, we need to check that later. If it’s the sound, my wind can handle it. So cleaning it should be...” (Fia)

“What are you planning about here!?” (Emilia)

Normally, Fia would join making jokes together, but she were often stop doing it if there were other people around them. Recently, It might be because she was extremely furious when looking at Karen.

What we were missing right now maybe the role of a joker.



After that, we got on the back of Zenodora again and returned to Karen’s house.

The three dragons who were sitting and relaxing outside the house, ascertained the appearance of Hokuto. I unintentionally leaked a bitter smile looking at the sight where they welcome us side by sight with the upright posture.

[[[Welcome back.]]] (Eye/Rai/Kuva)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Well... there was no problem since I didn’t really dislike them.

I entrusted the outside to Hokuto and when we entered the home with Zenodora, who had changed to the human form, Debra greeted us with a smile along with a good smell of cooking.

“Welcome back. I’m glad that you return safely.” (Debra)

“Thank you for your concern. We got the permission to stay here from the chief.” (Sirius)

“They can stay together with me!” (Karen)

I informed her the result after calming the excited Karen. When I said that I wanted to see the progress of Frenda for a while, Debra was sighing while looking astonished.

“Hah... adventurers are really unusual people.” (Debra)

“Don’t you agree? It is completely like the return of that man.” (Zenodora)

I was concerned about Debra and Zenodora who looked at each other with bitter smiles. However, Reese and Reus’ stomach made a loud sound at the same time. It seemed there was a limit of holding back with the dried meat eaten on the way here.

“Hahaha, let’s have a dinner first. I don’t know if it suits your taste, but please don’t hesitate to eat because I cooked a lot. Zenodora-sama, how about you?” (Debra)

“Well, if that’s the case, shall I have it too? I still want to talk with everyone.” (Zenodora)

“Me too. More importantly, the three waiting outside are–...” (Sirius)

“It’s fine to leave those fools for a while. When I return, they will be dismissed.” (Zenodora)

It seemed that contained the meaning of reflecting, but well... why was that.

‘Just bear with it a bit more, you three dragons.’

‘By the way, let’s sneak some food for them.’

By the time I confirmed whether there was no abnormality in Frenda, the preparation was over. It was a bit crowded, but everyone sat at the table and it became a late dinner.

This was probably their style as there were many dishes using vegetables more than meat. In particular, potatoes occupied most of the dishes.

“Do you mean this? This is the fruit that can be harvested here, and we’re eating it a lot. The taste is reasonable, but its size is big.” (Debra)

It seemed that the winged people were involved in agriculture, and that was why there was bread, but in this village, potato was their staple food.

It was about the size that one could grasp with the palm. The shape was round and the surface was bumpy. This food ingredient looked close to the potato seen in the previous life based on how it was used for stew, sizeable cut and bake.

It had a bit unique texture, but by simmering it in stew, it became a just right flavor.

“The taste permeate in and it is very tasty.” (Sirius)

“Delicious! I want more!” (Reus)

“Another please.” (Reese)

“I also like the taste quite a bit, but I can’t eat too much maybe because I’m still full.” (Emilia)

The disciples seemed to like it, so I should procure some before leaving the village.

Since we didn’t bring a lot of spices when we came to such a mountain, this was tasty on the whole, and I liked it quite well. Speaking of the taste of home... it was a taste that calmed people down when eating.

While the glutton siblings had seconds one after another, Karen, who finished eating the first stew, also presented the plate to Debra.

“More!” (Karen)

“Oh my, it’s rare for Karen to ask for more. You’re always already full at this point.” (Debra)

“I want to be like Onee-chans. I will eat a lot and grow fast.” (Karen)

“Hehe, aren’t you happy when you saying that?” (Debra)

“I don’t think she can eat too much, so it’s fine to fill half of the plate.” (Sirius)

“It’s important to eat a meal happily. It’s a waste if you get hungry later.” (Debra)

“Yeah! Obaa-chan, just half of it!” (Karen)

“...Alright. I will put in your favorite ingredient.” (Debra)

Karen ate more than usual maybe because these were the dishes made by her family.

Whether it was really unusual according to what Debra said earlier, she received the plate with a smile while looking surprised. Besides that, there was something that I felt concerned, but since it wasn’t serious, I left it alone and it was probably going to be fine.

By the way, I didn’t mention about the fact that I never saw Reese suffering from empty stomach.



The dinner ended after a while, and the dishes that were put on the table were all finished.

When the dinner had ended, Karen and Reese left us and headed toward Frenda, while we had an after meal rest with a tea Emilia brewed.

“I heard from Emilia that they eat a lot, but I didn’t expect that it would be this much. The house stockpiles has become empty.” (Debra)

“Sorry. I will secure the ingredients tomorrow. Right, Reus?” (Sirius)

“Ouh! Leave the hunting to me!” (Reus)

“Hahaha, you don’t have to worry so much. Anyhow, since Karen wasn’t here, my daughter and I didn’t have much appetite. So, it’s fine.” (Debra)

Debra said so as she laugh. It seemed she was rather having the stocked ingredients eaten than getting spoiled.

She was shouting at us at the beginning because she was mentally tired, but this was the real Debra. She was a gentle person and had a touch of a mother.

“Besides, no matter how much you hunt to replace the ingredients, my daughter and grandchild could never be replaced. I have no regret if it’s about the stockpile.” (Debra)

“But, we’re going to bother you for a while, so we will help you with many things.” (Sirius)

“You’re sincere, is it? Well then, please don’t overdo it. This house is a bit small, but please think it as your home.” (Debra)

During the meal, we had received the permission to stay in this house. Karen also was asking for that.

As I asked variously about the life of the village from Zenodora and Debra, Reese alone came back from the next room.

“How’s Karen?” (Sirius)

“She soon fell asleep while watching Frenda’s face, so I put her on the next bed.” (Reese)

“There were many things going on today, so it was normal to get hungry.” (Fia)

“Excuse me for leaving Karen to you.” (Debra)

“Don’t worry about it because I like doing it. Besides, her sleeping face is cute...” (Reese)

In Elysion, Reese was often spoiled by her sister, but before meeting Princess Liefell, she looked after younger children in her birthplace. So, she could handle children very well.

After that, when Reese sat on a chair with satisfying smile and served black tea by Emilia, a knocking door sound sounded from the entrance.

It looked like it wasn’t an enemy at this time since Hokuto and the three dragons outside didn’t make a noise. When I confirmed the presence, an expected person came here.

“I’m going to come in.” (??)

The door was opened before Debra answered, and the one who showed up in front of us was... the Dragonkin, Asrad in his human form.

The people who visited homes here were someone they already knew, so if they gave at least hint, there was no problem if they went into the home without permission.

“Asrad-sama!?” (Debra)

“What? I just came to see how is our guests and Frenda who has been treated. Since I came here as a personal matter, you don’t have to be formal and do like always.

“Understood. Well then, I’ll prepare a drink for you–...” (Debra)

“Please leave it to me.” (Emilia)

The appearance was an old man that people wouldn’t feel strange if he used walking stick, but from the air that surround his presence and nature, there was no doubt that he was Asrad.

However, it didn’t feel like he was old from the way he walked and sit on a nearby chair. In the meantime, Emilia was preparing a cup of tea for him.

“Hahaha, it’s an honor to be server tea by a beautiful girl like you. Ooh... this is good. This is the first time I taste a delicious tea!” (Asrad)

“It really suits your liking, after all.” (Emilia)

“You’re not only good at making delicious tea, but also have good talent, isn’t it? Emilia, will you make tea just for me in the future?” (Asrad)

“I have swore my life to Sirius-sama, so I have to refuse your offer.” (Emilia)

“It seems you are firmed. However, even though I look like this, I am still good as a man. I am confident to make a woman happy...” (Asrad)

“I am already happy, so I have to refuse.” (Emilia)

‘Somehow... Emilia was suddenly got hit on.’

When we met him when he was in the dragon form, the image was someone who was serious for the sake of the village, but...

“That’s right. This is the true Asrad-sama... No, he is my grandfather.” (Debra)

He didn’t only like children, but also unparalleled women.

At the same time, he turned out to be the relative of Zenodora. Truthfully, there were resemblance parts like the air and the expression.

“Is it no good? You may think this as a favor to old man who doesn’t have long to live, and even a little bit is...” (Asrad)

“No good.” (Emilia)

“...As you can see, I like children, but I also like women. Perhaps, even if other women ask me out, you can tell me if I am too persistent. In that situation, you can hit me. The Dragonkin is sturdy after all.” (Asrad)

“I will remember.” (Emilia)

Even when Emilia clearly rejected him, he was an old man who didn’t learn a lesson and continued to entice.

Fia would be fine, but I had to pay special attention to Reese who was weak against request that had no ill intention.

‘Let’s be careful.’

“Jii-san, have you forgotten your purpose?” (Debra)

“Aah, yes. Debra, let’s go inside for a bit.” (Asrad)

Apparently, Asrad visited here many times as he went into the room where Frenda and Karen were sleeping without hesitation. He soon came out and let out a breath of relief.

“Hmm, I certainly can feel vitality from Frenda. She would probably fine if she is already in that condition.” (Asrad)

“Yes. As expected, it’s hard especially when you are the chief.” (Debra)

“I would love to say ‘of course’ but for me, Frenda and Karen are somewhat special. I am somehow unqualified to be the chief of the village.” (Asrad)

“That remind me, Karen looked pretty close to her Ojii-chan, right? But, the tribe is different, so...” (Emilia)

“No, Karen-chan and I are not blood related. Oh yes... I wanted to know about you guys a lot, so you may tell me a bit about yourselves. Is Debra alright with that?” (Asrad)

“Yes. I’m fine if it is them.” (Debra)

As he got the permission, Asrad began to speak with distant looking eyes.



“I had two... No, before Karen was born, it was only a few years I began to care about Frenda. On that day, in order to protect the village’s peace, I was watching the surroundings from the sky.” (Asrad)

“That’s not right, Jii-san. You were bored, so at that time, you were quietly trying to go for a walk in the sky without permission.” (Zenodora)

Asrad wielded his tail at those unnecessary saying, but Zenodora defended against the blow with his tail. Actually, that was normal occurrence.

“Ahem... Anyhow, when I was flying in the sky, I saw someone was fighting on the ground.” (Asrad)

And when Asrad looked down on the ground, it looked like Frenda was chased by several adventurers.

“They were adventurers who were sneaking in to kidnap the rare winged people. They found Frenda who was procuring ingredients in the forest by chance.” (Asrad)

Frenda tried to escape by leaping into the sky, but she was pulled down to the ground by wind magic. She was also shot down by an arrow put on with paralytic poison in order to prevent her from escaping.

But then, at that time... a man among the adventurers jumped out. He accepted the arrow shot with his body and furthermore, he began to embrace Frenda.

“The man didn’t withdraw a step against those with weapons, and he desperately trying to protect Frenda. That was when I descended on the ground.” (Asrad)

Asrad intervened the situation and quickly eliminated the adventurers on the spot. Then, he looked down at the man who was had been paralyzed.

No matter what kind of behavior, there was no doubt that the fools were his comrades based on how they were acting together. But when Asrad was thinking about dealing with...

“That guy was smiling. When I asked why, he said that he was glad that Frenda was safe. He seemed sincere.” (Asrad)

When he heard the details, it seemed the man came here purely because of the interest that he wanted to see winged people. The others were adventurers who hired him as their escort and guide.

By chance, they found a winged person before being found by the dragon, and those who hired the man couldn’t hold back their greed.

“That man’s name is Beat. He was a human man... and Karen’s father.” (Asrad)

In short, Beat was a man who was traveling with same purpose of expanding the view just like us.

Asrad and Zenodora weren’t only surprised because of our words. They were like that because it felt nostalgic.

“When I inquired further, he seemed to fall in love at first sight. However, he was somewhat poisoned, so I decided to take Beat home. Everyone in the village was distrustful of beat, but Frenda who was rescued, didn’t share similar feeling. When I realized, they had tied a knot.” (Asrad)

“Some of my comrades didn’t think well about the outsiders, but it was a fact that the living had became easier with the knowledge Beat brought from outside.

“So, Karen was a child born between a human and a winged person.” (Emilia)

“Eh? But, Karen-chan’s father is...” (Reese)

“Hmmm. When Frenda was pregnant, Beat’s state of health became worse, and he died a while before Karen was born.” (Asrad)

I understood now why Debra looked complicated when she heard that we were adventurers.

The reason was probably because we were the same kind of people who put the daughter and grandchild in danger a while ago.

“Since I brought that man here, I couldn’t leave this matter alone. Karen was born after that, and when I noticed, she started to call me like that.” (Asrad)

“In spite of being harsh on his own grandchildren, he is a sweet old man toward Karen.” (Zenodora)

“You’re noisy! I’ve decided that girls are cuter than boys. Besides, we have to train hard as a Dragonkin, so it was natural for me to get strict.” (Asrad)

The two of them wagged their tails met each other again. Hence, I was convinced in many ways when I heard the story.

In fact, there were several handwritten books in the room where we allowed to stay. Perhaps, it was written by Karen’s father, Beat.

The books contained his experiences on the unusual events and places. Karen probably read those books, and that was she grew up with a strong curiosity. Well, that was my presumption to the end.

Some questions were answered with this, but Reese alone was muttering while looking a bit sad.

“Could it be that Karen’s father was a human, and her wings became like that?” (Reese)

“It’s not related. I heard my grandfather’s grandfather was a winged person.” (Asrad)

“It doesn’t matter. It can’t be helped even if we are concerned about it. Karen is still Karen no matter how her wings are.” (Fia)

“Is that so? I see. Karen-chan is like our little sister.” (Reese)

If the cause wasn't because of the racial differences, was it like a mutation?

In the case of Karen, in addition to her being colorless, she seemed to be a miraculous existence in a sense.

But, as Fia said, we couldn't do anything about it. It was a matter of accepting Karen as who she was and treated her like always.

Rather than being a fool who decided based on the appearance, I wanted to use her as an evidence of someone having a firm mind.

Karen told me many things when she stayed with us. So, I decided to ask this question that I had in mind since the time I heard about this place.

“I have one question. I was wondering why the Dragonkin live together with the winged people?” (Sirius)

It is obvious in terms of individual capabilities and physiques, but other than able to fly in the sky, I can't see anything else in common.

In addition, I heard from Debrah that there is no hierarchical relationship like master and slave. It seemed that they co-existed very well.

“Hmm, the Dragonkin is certainly excel in abilities, but there are many things which fatally inferior to others. Do you understand why?” (Asrad)

“The number... is it?” (Fia)

“That's right. The Dragonkin have a very low fertility rate. It may be because we have a long life span. Thus, it is very rare for us to have children.” (Asrad)

“It is a similar situation as the Elves. However, it seems that the number of Dragonkin is lower than the Elves. I guess their birth rate is lower than us.” (Fia)

“You got it right. When the Dragonkin still hadn't live in the village, our ancestors tried it with other races around various continents, and none of them having children with us. However, the only tribe that can bear our children is the winged people.” (Asrad)

Although it wasn't absolute, there was a probability of new Dragonkin in one out of ten people.

Since the number of brethren was small since the beginning, they decided to coexist and helped each other.

"..." (Sirius)

"...Sirius-sama, what are you going to do about it?" (Emilia)

"Uh... I'm fine. Can I ask one more question?" (Sirius)

Every time I heard about the Dragonkin, I remembered Goraon... the Dragonkin who I met in the labyrinth of the Elysion school.

Although he was an enemy, I had killed a few other of Dragonkin too.

I had no regret having done it, but as the person who did it, it might be an obligation to inform it.

"Have you heard this name... Goraon?" (Sirius)

""!?" (Asrad/Zenodora)

When I gave out the name, the two Dragonkin gave the biggest reaction since I visited this village.

Asrad, in particular, was staring me with a serious expression, but Zenodora, who became calm a bit, asked me.

"Sirius, where have you heard the name?" (Zenodora)

"A few years ago, a Dragonkin named Goraon appeared in front of us. And then..." (Sirius)

He was a murderer who was wanted by the guild and since he was aiming for the disciples' lives for the sake of pleasure, I told him that I had to bring him down.

Since they didn't display the feeling of getting revenge, it could be said that I had told nothing wrong.

“...That’s how it is. I had to save my disciple, so I had to lay my hands on your brethren.”
(Sirius)

“No, Goraon did something that must be avoided, so he was fated to die. I would like to thank you for stopping those who defiled the price of the Dragonkin. I was the one... who supposed to bring him down.” (Asrad)

“However, there is a bit problem in that. Goraon is... the older brother of Mejia, who was together with me a while ago.” (Zenodora)

He was a brother of someone who wasn’t likeable, huh?

Somehow, the carefree sightseeing... I couldn’t have it.



Extra/Bonus – Intuition Act 2

This is from the main story.

“You’re not only good at making delicious tea, but also have good talent, isn’t it? Emilia, will you make tea just for me in the future?” (Asrad)

“I have sworn my life to Sirius-sama, so I have to refuse your offer.” (Emilia)

“It seems you are firmed. However, even though I look like this, I am still good as a man. I am confident to make a woman happy...” (Asrad)

“I am already happy, so I have to refuse.” (Emilia)



“Ughh!?” (Lior)

“What’s wrong... uhm, it seems something like this has happened before, isn’t it?”
(Beowulf)

“...I sense that there is a bug trying to stuck to my Emilia!” (Lior)

“Your Emilia’...since when Emilia-san is belonged to Lior-san...” (Beowulf)

“Let’s move, boy! That way!” (Lior)

“Wa-wait a sec!? That is the sea! There are many monsters in the danger zone...”
(Beowulf)

“Oraaa-!” (Lior)

✂Since they were going to survive anyway, there was no outcome.



Extra/Bonus – Doctor S

“Operation starts! Knife!” (sirius)

“Yes!” (Emilia)

With the knife handed by hand from Emilia, Frenda’s surgery began.

“Ooo, ooh!? What a beautiful cut!?” (Reus)

“The treatment is too fast, isn’t it!? My eyes can’t catch up!” (Fia)

I opened a wound from Frenda’s side. Then, I used [String]s to take out the foreign matter.

“L-look! Aniki hasn’t blinked from a while ago!” (Reus)

“Geez, to carry the operation up to that level...” (Fia)

“This man... is he a God!?” (Debra)

✂When it came to medical manga, this was something the author had in mind.



Hokuto and the Three Dragons

When the Master was having dinner at Karen's house, the three Dragons and Hokuto-kun were leisurely relaxing outside...

[...I'm hungry.] (Eye)

[But, we can't leave this place.] (Kuva)

[This is probably another Zenodora-sama's punishment. We can do nothing but to endure.] (Rai)

Actually no. The hungry three dragons were sitting without energy.

Hokuto-kun was alright, but it couldn't be helped to feel pitiful when looking at the sight with ringing stomach.

Anyhow...

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

[Yes? What is it, Hokuto-sama?] (Eye)

[What is he telling us now...] (Kuva)

[Wh-where are you going!?] (Rai)

A few minutes later...

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

[[[This is...!?!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Hokuto-kun leaped into the nearby forest, and had brought a fat pig monster.

While the three dragons were surprised, he ignored them and headed toward the dragons. When he opened his mouth...

“...Woof.” (Hokuto)

Anyhow, he left the monster as if he was telling that he didn’t need to eat.

When the three dragons tilted the neck thinking whether they could eat it, Hokuto-kun put his forefoot on the monster...

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

He barked... telling them that it was fine to eat something because they were hungry.

[Does he mean that... we can eat it?] (Rye)

[Bu-but, we did bad things to Hokuto-sama...] (Kuva)

[Besides, if this is Zenodora-sana’s self reflection, Hokuto-sama would be scold.] (Rai)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

‘What?, I’ll take the responsibility.’

Hokuto turned around and barked... saying that if Zenodora-san asked about it, they could tell that he ordered them to eat it.

The three dragons were trembling at his tolerance, and they began to eat the monster.

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

[[[Yes!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

After telling them to eat without leaving the bone and to destroy the evidence, Hokuto-kun watched them in satisfaction.

Thus, the loyalty of the three dragons toward Hokuto-kun was further increased.

However, they didn’t realize that.

That was Hokuto-kun strategy of getting new allies, in the case of emergency especially if the village Dragonkin became enemies.

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Eh? They seems to eat something... oh well, that’s fine. Here, this is the dry meat sent by Aniki.” (Reus)

[[[Delicious!]]] (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Incidentally, the intimacy of Reus also increased.

Chapter 140

I Want You to be Happy

A few decades ago, Goraon was born in the winged people village... it was way long before I was born.

He was born as a Dragonkin which had small in number. He grew up while being trained by other Dragonkin to become warrior who would protect the village.

However, Goraon transformed to a wingless dragon. He was born as an Earth Dragon which specialized in running on the ground. It was uncommon for an Earth Dragon to be born but in the area that surrounded by forests and mountains, the winged dragon which could fly in the sky was more useful.

Nonetheless, the parents and the surroundings still loved him. He grew up without any significant problems.

But... Goraon became distorted.

Although he didn't eat monster as a prey, the sight where he returned with his body stained with blood was often seen. It was because he caught suitable size of monsters and repeatedly tore it with his claws.

Asrad and Zenodora who saw his behavior couldn't believe it, but Goraon kept growing up without causing big problems.

A few years later... Goraon's mother gave a birth to Mejia, and he had been given a younger brother.

At that time, Goraon's eccentricities started to diminish. It might be because of being an older brother. So, Asrad and others began to relax the cautiousness.

But... their negligence was probably bad.

In the time where Asrad took his eyes off him for a while... that incident happened.

[Tou-san. I... I want to become even stronger.] (Goraon)

In the body of the Dragon, there was a crystal contained with huge power. It was commonly known as the 'Dragon Heart'. The Dragonkin was strong because of the crystal. Thus, they had a very wonderful regenerative power.

Goraon wanted to increase the crystal that only existed one in number for every Dragonkin...

[So, I want the power. Be together in me... I will defeat that damn old man!] (Goraon)

Then, he committed the taboo of eating own family member... which was his father.

Even if Goraon was an immature Dragonkin, he had enough strength. He suddenly aim for an opening and killed his father who wasn't able to defend himself... and then, Goraon ate him.

"...That's terrible. But, can you get such strength easily?" (Fia)

"Hmm, the Elf lady is sharp. How about a night with me-..." (Asrad)

"Jii-san, talk about it later." (Zenodora)

"It can't be helped then. Yes... as the lady said, it was dangerous to take the crystal of own kind." (Asrad)

There seemed to be someone who did the same thing in the past, but the Dragonkin died on the spot while spitting blood.

Apparently, even if they took the crystal from other dragons, they would die unless there was compatibility. To put it simply, it was something like blood type in transfusion or transplanting organs between human.

Since that kind of act reduced the number of the Dragonkin, it was normal to prohibit the act.

"It was already too late when I ran into him. His father's crystal was taken in. I saw Goraon suffering from incorporating the crystal..." (Asrad)

Although Goraon was suffering the consequences of his own action, Asrad pitied him

who was still breathing while splitting blood. It seemed that Asrad was resolute to blow him away with breath attack.

“If he received my breath attack, he wouldn’t be able to survive unless he is Zenodora. But, he was alive...” (Asrad)

“However, when I looked at Goraon, it was strange that he was still survived even though he was immature. Did he have any special abilities that we didn’t know?” (Zenodora)

“Which remind me, when I met Goraon, I cut his arm and it was generated instantly. I would say that his regenerative ability was abnormal. This is my guess, but I think that Goraon, who was burned down by the breath attack, repeatedly generated and barely survived.” (Sirius)

Perhaps, Goraon had the compatibility with his father’s crystal, so I guessed he obtained the astounding ability at that time. The possibility why he was compatible was because the crystal was from his biological father.

Unfortunately, it seemed the compatibility wasn’t perfect.

Goraon was certainly strong enemy, but he seemed to be weaker than the Dragonkin in the village.

By some chance, he might lost some strength as a Dragonkin because of that abnormal generative ability. Goraon’s dragon appearance was clearly different in size compared with Zenodora and the three Dragonkin.

When I spoke what I had in mind, both of them nodded as if they agreed.

“Indeed, that possibility is also good enough, right? It’s just that even though my breath attack couldn’t kill him, you did kill him.” (Asrad)

“I defeated him by blocking his movement with magic, and destroyed the crystal at the same time.” (Sirius)

“Oi, Jii-san and Sirius, stop the talk right there. Goraon is no more, so now, we should consider how to tell this to Mejia.” (Zenodora)

“Yeah! He may certainly want to get revenge when a family member was killed, but

Aniki fought him to protect us. If he wants to fight Aniki, I'll be his first opponent!" (Reus)

"Reus is right. By the way, he... I mean Mejia-san, how does he think about his older brother, Goraon?" (Emilia)

"He accepted the fact that Goraon was a criminal who did the taboo by killing his father. At least, he won't suddenly challenge you to revenge him." (Asrad)

The reason why Mejia had a proper discipline might be due to the influence of her brother who betrayed them and committed crime.

As a result of discussion, we were getting wary since this matter was somewhat complicated. So, it was decided that Asrad would explain it to Mejia when the opportunity came.

"Say, although this sounds bad, if Mejia-san think he is already dead, it is not necessary to tell him, isn't it?" (Emilia)

"That is true, but I think he has right to know because he became really confused because of Goraon. By the way, you all don't need to say anything. Well then, we will soon..." (Asrad)

"Hmm, we will return. It's already late at night, and the three fools outside need to go home." (Zenodora)

"This is about the matter earlier. The name of the Elf lady is surely Shimifia... right? I am planning to invite you to my house tonight to deepen our relationship." (Asrad)

"Thanks for the invitation, but I have to refuse. I already have someone." (Fia)

"Is he your man? But, he is a human, you know?" (Asrad)

"Yes. I stay with him because I understand that. I will definitely do that until the end." (Fia)

"If that's the case, I'm not going to say anything. I will invite you again a hundred years later. Then, if the lady with blue hair over there..." (Asrad)

"Stop it, Jii-san!" (Zenodora)

After that, Asrad was forcibly dragged out by Zenodora, and the Dragonkin returned to their homes.



“Good morning, Sirius-sama.” (Emilia)

Two days after arriving at this village.

I was sleeping in our carriage that the three dragons carried here, and this morning, I woke up by Emilia’s voice.

Although it was possible to wake on my own, I didn’t feel like going up since it was already morning and I already get used to Emilia’s voice.

I was careful not to become a useless man if she wasn’t there, but it would be hard because Emilia herself wanted that to happen.

“Good morning, Emilia. How’s everyone?” (Sirius)

“I think Reese and Fia will get up soon, but Reus is already up.” (Emilia)

I got out from the carriage that was parked next to Karen’s house and when I looked around while stretching out my body, I saw Reus running around the house...

“Good morning, Aniki!” (Reus)

“““Good morning!””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

The three dragons who were in their human form were also running together with him.

As I instinctively tilted my head, Hokuto, who was a distant away and was watching the scene, came close to me while wagging his tail.

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Uhhh... since these three are still immature, it seems Hokuto-san is training them again.” (Emilia)

“Is that why you are running? Since you are an instructor, did you feel that these three have the prospect?” (Sirius)

Hokuto often went out for training because the siblings were like his juniors, but it was very rare that Hokuto himself was teaching.

When I listened while caressing the head of Hokuto who came snuggling...

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

“Uhhh... their dispositions aren’t bad, but it seems that it is necessary to train them again in order to let them be Sirius-sama’s subordinates.” (Emilia)

“...Have you been trying to increase the number of underlings and subordinates without permission?” (Sirius)

The siblings were doing the same thing when we were in the Elysion school.

Wasn’t it a fate that a wolf was doing the same thing?

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“If we get them on board, the movement speed for everyone will increase. Of course, Sirius-sama will still have to ride Hokuto-san...” (Emilia)

“I want you to stop treating them as a ride. Well, you can do it without twisting their will though.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“This seems to be alright. And... he seems to want you to stroke Emilia’s head.” (Emilia)

While thinking the last one was her own desire, I stroked her head. It was a mysterious scene where a big and a small tails wagging.

Although they got involved with the three dragons from the morning, I entrusted the matter to Hokuto and Reus. Then, Emilia and I entered Karen’s house to see the progress of Frenda.

Frenda was still lying on the bed and she never woke up even once. I didn’t found any

abnormalities from the [Scan], and I believed she should wake up very soon.

As I continued examining Frenda while having such a thought, Debra came in and we gave a morning greetings to each other.

“You all wake up really early. If I compare that to my daughter and granddaughter...”
(Debra)

“We are used wake up early since long ago, so we just wake up naturally.” (Sirius)

“Yes. Frenda seems to be recovering smoothly. I think she will wake up soon.” (Emilia)

“That’s great. It’s just that I want the children in the house get up early like you. It will be very good if they don’t wake up later at this hour.” (Debra)

It seemed that Debra had regained calmed enough to make such a joke.

Even though it was already morning, Karen still didn’t show a sign of waking up at all after I had finished treating Frenda who wasn’t conscious yet.

According to Debra, Karen usually woke up late because it came from the mother.

I had confirmed that Frenda was alright, so I would like to start morning training, but since I was allowed to stay in this house, I ought to help with the house chores.

I thought so as I offered to help with the breakfast, but Debra was smiling and saying it wasn’t necessary.

“I’m fine. You may go outside, Sirius. Isn’t your morning training a routine?” (Debra)

“But if I don’t help with anything...” (Sirius)

“Yes, he’s right. Plus, we eat a lot.” (Emilia)

It’s fine. I can cook a lot alone, you know. Besides, I still have plenty of ingredients sent by everyone in the village.” (Debra)

Yes, yesterday was a very confusing day.

It was nice that Zenodora and the three Dragons came first in the morning, but it

seemed that they had mentioned the matter about us to everyone. Since then, the winged people and the Dragonkin who lived in the village frequently visited us.

As what Asrad had warned us, the people of the village were very cautious at us, but most of them were worried and came to see Karen and Frenda. When they knew that both of them were safe, they gave pile of food ingredients to celebrate the good news.

Incidentally, the children of Dragonkin and the winged people who were about same age as Karen, were somehow afraid of us. Perhaps, they were told something like not to get closer to us from their parents. So, the girls in the house looked a bit lonely.

“Well then, let me use your pot.” (Debra)

Then, Debra left the room without asking about our opinion.

In the past few days, it turned out that she was an unusually obliging person and she didn’t care at all even though our number had increased. When it came to this, she would be angry if I still wanted to help her, so I supposed I just had to accept her offer.

When we went outside again, we found that Reese and Fia were warming up, but I noticed something wrong with Reus and the three dragons.

“When you fight Hokuto-san, you have to always be alert on your rear! Or you will be done in an instant!” (Reus)

“I got it, but... it’s impossible! I can’t follow him!” (Eye)

“In that case, I’ll be the decoy–... guhaa!?” (Kuva)

“He may be Hokuto-sama, but if we attack him during an opening–... gahuu!?” (Rai)

Reus and the three dragons were chased by Hokuto, but they were pounced to the ground with forefoot blow one after another.

Of course, Hokuto went easy on them, but they should have been running normally until a while ago... so what happened?

“By the way, when we came, they were already playing tag.” (Fia)

“Reus and others are just running away. This is a training to avoid Hokuto’s attack.”

(Reese)

“In short, it is a game of tag, right?” (Sirius)

To put it simply, Hokuto’s training had already begun. It was a training to strengthen reflexes and assessment depend on the situation by running around in a place which had no obstructions.

On top of that, Hokuto’s role as a chaser wasn’t only to touch them, but to hit them onto the ground. So, there was no sense of confusion.

As scream echoed for the third time, we also decided to start the morning training.

At first, I started to run lightly, but when I realized, Hokuto, who was supposed to be the opponent to Reus and others, was lining up next to me.

“Hmm, are you done?” (Hokuto)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

When I looked sideways, Reus, who kept resisting until the end, fell on the ground.

Apparently, in order to run together with me, Hokuto quickly floored Reus.

It was probably not a training if Hokuto, a Hundred Wolves, matched our speed, but for him, running with me was a habit from the previous life, so it was like a walk.

When I finished muscle training after running for a while with Hokuto who was running happily on the side, the door of the house was opened and Karen came out.

“Fuahh... breakfast... is ready...” (Karen)

“Aah, got it. Everyone, don’t forget to take care of your body before coming back.” (Sirius)

“Please don’t forget the supply of water.” (Emilia)

While Emilia was giving water to everyone, I tried to thank Karen who came to call us, but somehow, her condition was strange.

Since she was a bit unreliable like doing a hula hula dance, I looked into her face, and...

“...Kuh.” (Karen)

“Say... she is sleeping, right?” (Reese)

“I’m beyond surprised. She is really amazing.” (Fia)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

This might be the evidence that she was relieved to be able to return home.

We carried her since she was important in a sense, and went back to her home.

By the way, Reus and the three dragons made a come-back while we were on our way. They had recovered since they had been doing a postmortem session from earlier.

The blow of Hokuto’s forefoot was enough to make them caved into the ground, but regardless of Reus who already used to the training, the three dragons weren’t faltered as I expected.



It was a cooked dish made by putting the ingredients received, but it was really delicious when the taste used this region spices

While the glutton siblings adding another helpings one after another, Debra was nodding in satisfaction when seeing Karen eating slowly.

“If you use honey, Karen would eat easily. Since it was hard to wake her everyday, that will make it easier.” (Emilia)

“Nomnom... kuh.” (Karen)

“It feels like she hasn’t woken up yet.” (Reese)

“It’s better since she was sleeping without eating in sitting posture yesterday. By the way, what are you going to do today?” (Debra)

What Debra wanted to ask was probably our schedule for today.

Since there were various things happened yesterday and we couldn't look around the village, it would be good to have a guide if Zenodora came, but we had to keep the promise with Karen.

"I think I will teach magic to Karen in the morning." (Sirius)

"Is that so? I leave her to you then. I was worried when I heard that she was non attribute, but it was really great when I saw her happily using magic." (Debra)

"I can prove that non attribute is not inferior compared to other attributes. Besides, Karen is smart, and it's worth teaching her." (Sirius)

"There is no one who is more knowledgeable about non attribute than Aniki. If Karen does her best, she can become strong like Aniki!" (Reus)

I had a feeling that the hurdles were going harder because of what Reus had said. Personally, that was... no, I wanted to think that he would surpass me.

Just as the person who said about magic, it had infinite possibilities. Plus, I wanted to make Karen to find a different path from me who specialized in killing.

I would secretly put that expectation to her...

"...More please." (Karen)

It was a usual scene to be worried, but it was just Karen was weak in the morning.

I was sure if her abilities were developed...

"...Kuh." (Karen)

It should be alright... I guessed.



After that, we parted off once we finished the breakfast. Emilia and Reese helped with the house chores, while Reus resumed training with Hokuto again together with the three dragons.

Fia and I brought Karen to the root of a big tree near the house.

Karen was already awake by this time. When she heard about a new magic, her wings were fluttering and her eyes shone.

"I'm going to teach you [String] from now on. To sum up, it is a magic that creates mana thread." (Sirius)

"Thread? Is it amazing?" (Karen)

"It looks simple, but it is a versatile magic that you can use for various things depending on how you use it." (Sirius)

"He used this magic on your Okaa-san and when you were injured. Listen, there's no loss in learning this." (Fia)

Karen nodded several times as she listened to my explanation. First, I'd show my [String].

When I extended the mana thread created and touched Karen, she displayed a wondering face.

"...Are you making this?" (Karen)

"Yes. If you don't firmly load mana, the thread would break or can't be maintained. Anyhow, just try it." (Sirius)

"Alright." (Karen)

Since this was merely producing thread by compressing mana, it wasn't too difficult if Kare was able to unleash mana.

It might be thanks to touching the real thing, Karen easily invoked [String], but when I lightly pulled it...

"Eh? It's torn up. It's different from Onii-san's." (Karen)

"It is similar to [Impact]. It's just that your mana concentration is lacking. You didn't think to make it robust, am I right?" (Sirius)

As for making it strong, if the thread didn't have the strength of average wire, it would naturally tear. There were also cases where stretch-ability similar to the rubber

became necessity in the previous life.

In my case, it wasn't difficult because I could imagine a special alloy wire that existed in the previous life, but it wasn't easy to reproduce an invisible mana thread.

"...It's difficult." (Karen)

"Try to confirm my thread by touching it one more time. Other than that... it depends on how quick wit you are." (Sirius)

"Quick wit?" (Karen)

"It might be confusing for Karen. To cut it short, don't get stuck with only one thing. For example, a piece of yarn only-..." (Sirius)

"...Like this?" (Karen)

"Oh my. This time is strong, isn't it? You can try to touch it, Sirius." (Fia)

When I touched Karen's mana thread which was produced by [String] again, it was produced in a condition of three thin threads combined into one.

There were many flaws such as the thread intertwining was rough, the strength was weak and the concentration of mana was still mild, but compared to the previous one, it was pretty strong.

I had expected that the thread was obviously thicker, but even though Karen took my advice, she mostly noticed it using her own power.

This girl surprised me many times since I met her, but I was surprised again this time.

"That's amazing, Karen. You noticed that part well." (Sirius)

When I praised her as I said that, since she looked up at me while happily flapping her wings, I unconsciously stroked her head.

"Aah..." (Fia/Karen)

...Oops, I did things similar to Emilia because of habit.

The reason was because Karen's experience of being enslaved. When I tried to pat her head, she remembered the time and disliked it. Actually, the ladies in the house had tried that many times, but they failed all the time.

For that reason, I tried to take off my hands quickly, but rather than looking displeased, she merely looked up at me.

"Don't you... dislike stroking?" (Sirius)

"...Uhm, if it's Onii-san and others, I'm already fine. So, I want you to praise me more!" (Karen)

"I see. I don't have to hold back when doing that. There, there. Karen is excellent and very good girl." (Sirius)

"Yeah!" (Karen)

"Aah, that's sneaky. Let me stroke her too." (Fia)

Were this also due to the treatment to her mother, Frenda?

While Karen gave a big smile, she let me and Fia to stroke her.

After praising her for a while, I thought of teaching her next magic, but Emilia, who helped with the house chores, came down to us.

"Sirius-sama. Frenda-san has woken up just now." (Emilia)

"Got it. I will-..." (Sirius)

"Okaa-san!" (Karen)

Karen reacted first and started running. We picked Reus, who had been done by Hokuto, and returned to the house.

When I entered the room, Frenda, who was sleeping in bed and had her upper body raised, was hugging Karen, who jumped in.

"Okaa-san..." (Karen)

“Aah... this is not a dream. I’m really glad that you are safe. If you are gone, I...” (Frenda)

“You don’t need to say such a thing. More importantly, shouldn’t you say something to these people?” (Debra)

“Kaa-san, could these people are...” (Frenda)

“Yes. Not only you, they are also the benefactors who saved Karen.” (Debra)

It seemed that Debra had explained about us to some extent while we were coming here.

She looked like in pain because she just got up, but after she turned a smile at us, she lowered her head very deeply.

“We have been indebted a lot to you all. First of all, I’m really thankful for rescuing my daughter. I would like to return the favor somehow, but I still can’t move yet...” (Frenda)

“We did it because we wanted to do it, so your words are good enough.” (Sirius)

“Yup. Rather, it was fun to be with Karen.” (Emilia)

“Me too. I was happy because it felt like I had a new sister.” (Fia)

“You have helped us so much, so there is no way I can return it with words alone. Kaa-san, is there anything we can do?” (Frenda)

Even if we said that she didn’t have to worry about it, it didn’t seem to be that way for Frenda. That much showed how important Karen was to her.

Frenda thought about how to thank for a while, and then, she clapped as if she thought of something.

“Oh yes! How about my feathers? That person said that winged people feathers were valuable, so if you want it, you can take as much as you want–...” (Frenda)

“What is this child suddenly saying!? If you do that, you won’t be able to fly!” (Debra)

“It’s a small matter not to be able to fly if Karen is safe.” (Frenda)

“I understand you feeling, but stop thinking about your wings. Goodness, you haven’t change at all.” (Debra)

Perhaps, I should say that Frenda was a person who acted on impulse. She seemed not caring about future when it came to an important matter.

Well, if it wasn’t like that, she wouldn’t get married with the adventurer who was also an outsider, right?

“I have an uneasy conscience about that, so I’m good if I just receive one feather only. Anyhow, please calm down.” (Sirius)

I calmed them since they had been talking about it, and I decided to hold this matter for the time being.

Then, she told me that she would do anything if she could, but it was enough to let us stay in this house and to give us the permission to train Karen.

However, since she kept asking how to return the favor, I thought that it would better to think of something later.

Karen fully enjoyed the feel of ehr mother for a while, but she suddenly looked up as if she remembered something and pulled my sleeve to Frenda.

“You know, Okaa-san! I can use magic now!” (Karen)

“Eh!? Really!?” (Frenda)

“Yeah, Onii-san taught me how to use it. I will show it to Okaa-san!” (Karen)

Then, Karen left Frenda, who was surprised, and looked around. She turned her face to the window and pointed to a tree that could be seen from here.

That tree was a place where I taught magic earlier, but I immediately approached Karen...

“I will hit that with magic, please watch me. Alright...” (Karen)

“Wait a sec, Karen.” (Sirius)

I touched her shoulder and stopped her magic.

Karen showed a displeased expression because I interrupted her debut, but as a person who taught her, I couldn't overlook this.

"Although you are pointing to the window, you can't use [Impact] indoor. What would you do if you hit something and that hit your Okaa-san?" (Sirius)

"Aah..." (Karen)

"If it's about [Impact], you can show it later. But, haven't I taught you earlier a magic that you can use here?" (Sirius)

Frenda hadn't heard that Karen had learned magic yet, so since Karen was excited, there was also a possibility that it would be revealed. It wasn't very good to casually unleash magic indoor which would break the room into small stones unless it was an emergency.

So, when I told Karen to remember this, she gently nodded and went back to Frenda.

"Since I was told that magic was no good, I will show you this magic instead." (Karen)

"If it's Karen's magic, I'm fine with anything. Please show it to your mother soon." (Frenda)

For some reason, Frenda was unusually surprised, but it seemed the mood wasn't bad because she was looking forward to Karen's magic.

With such a doubt displayed in my eyes, the parent and child started to happily pull together the [String] that Karen had created

Their pleasant exchange continued for a while, and finally, when they had settled down, I decided to explain Karen's aptitude attribute.

"...So, that was why she couldn't use magic. I'm disqualified as her mother since I am not aware of it." (Frenda)

"I understand your feeling, but this is far as much as you want to feel depressed. This child has met various bad experiences, but I don't think that it was too bad, you know?" (Sirius)

“You’re... right. Karen has grown so much.” (Frenda)

“Okaa-san. What do you think about my magic?” (Karen)

“Well, it was amazing. I’m happy that you can use magic.” (Frenda)

“Yes! You know... I want to be stronger by learning more and more magic from Onii-san!” (Karen)

“This girl is indeed non attribute, but I think she has enough hidden potential to become strong. I am planning to stay in this village for a while, so may I still teach magic to Karen?” (Sirius)

Although I had received the permission from Debra, I still had to get the permission from the mother, Frenda.

When I asked while lowering my head, Frenda, who had distant eyes, stroked Karen’s head and answered.

“You are... Sirius-kun, right? Please help this girl. I can’t teach her non attribute magic.” (Frenda)

“Thank you. Well, it will be harder in the future, but you will do your best, right?” (Sirius)

“Yeah!” (Karen)

“If you want to become Aniki’s disciple, you also have to train your body. Do you want to run with me starting from tomorrow?” (Reus)

“How about the education as an attendant? I’m sure you will master it.” (Emilia)

“Karen is not only our sister, she also had become our junior. Tell us anything if you are in trouble.” (Reese)

“If I get hurt, I will... Yeah, somehow, I don’t want to assume I will get injured. Let me know if we’re going to eat delicious food!” (Karen)

“Hahaha! It looks like it will be lively in the future.” (Frenda)

“...Yes. It’s good for Karen.” (Fia)

It was a bit ambiguous until now, but Karen became my full fledged disciple as I had gotten the permission from her family.

As Karen was watched over by her mother with graceful smile, we talked about Karen’s future plan.



From that day, Karen life started to change greatly.

First of all, in the early morning...

Karen wouldn’t wake up in the morning unless someone woke her up, but she told that she would get up at the same time with us.

[I also want to be like Onee-chans. So, I will get up and train together!] (Karen)

[I don’t dislike that positive attitude. But can you get up?] (Sirius)

[...Please wake me up!] (Karen)

It was half-hearted, but I decided to wake her up for being resolute. If that was repeated over and over again, she would be able to get up naturally.

Although Karen was added up in the morning training, there were many times she used all her strength along the way and was put on Hokuto’s back.

I felt like it wasn’t a training, but I had to be patient until her body got used to it. Well, fixing the habit came first.

To begin with, the winged people were light in weight in order to fly in the sky. They were a tribe that wasn’t suitable for body training. Unlike the Silver Wolfkin sibling who had excellent physical fitness, Karen only needed a minimum amount of training if necessary.

Today, after we finished the morning training, I went outside to give magic training to Karen, but... a sound of cutting wind sounded from the sky.

The three dragons were with Reus, and as Zenodora said that he would come at noon, this must be another dragon.

When I looked up, I could see a figure of a dragon approaching here, but that was...

“Sirius-sama. That red dragon is...” (Emilia)

“Yes... it’s Mejia.” (Sirius)

Then, Mejia landed a bit further away from us and he came close after changing to a human form.

Although the cautiousness that I had seen in him before was greatly dissolved, his expression was hard to read. I felt like I was somehow thinking too much.

Perhaps... he had heard about his older brother, Goraon, from Asrad.

“Sorry for sudden visit. But there is something I want to ask you. Can you give me a bit of your time?” (Mejia)

“I don’t mind, but is that because of what you heard from Asrad-sama?” (Sirius)

“Yes. It’s about my brother, Goraon. Did you really... defeat him?” (Mejia)

Since Karen was nearby, Mejia seemed calmed enough to the point of not saying the word ‘killing’.

Emilia, who understood the situation, soon left with Karen. Then, I nodded at that question.

“...Yes, I did. There is also a possibility it was a different person, but since the person himself said so, I guess that there is no mistake since his transformed appearance was a red earth dragon.

“I see... For that brother... by a human...” (Mejia)

It looked like he was somehow had a bitter smiled while closing his eyes, but his emotions were hard to read after all.

Since I didn’t feel a slightest anger or hatred, I kept waiting quietly for Mejia’s reply.

Then, he slowly opened his eyes...

“In that case, I have a favor to ask. Will you... have a fight with me?” (Mejia)



Extra/Bonus Act 1 – The Mistake of being a Dog

“How tough is Onii-san’s [String]?” (Karen)

“I can’t precisely measure it, but it’s pretty durable. Oh yes... it’s pretty much can hold you and me.” (Sirius)

So, I brought a fallen wooden plank, and hanged it to the thick branch of a nearby tree with two [String]s. And then, I made an instant swing.

Since the mana thread was almost transparent, it became an unusual sight of a wooden branch was floating.

“This is it. It is safe to get on it.” (Sirius)

“Really?” (Karen)

“Yes, of course. Then, you can try this... Hokuto!” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Gyaaaahhh-!” (Reus/Eye/Kuva/Rai)

Due to my call, Hokuto floored Reus and three dragons in an instant and came to me.

Then, Hokuto put his forefoot on the wooden board, and put strength on it.

“You know Hokuto’s strength, right? It is alright even Hokuto does that, so Karen-...” (Sirius)

“Woof!?” (Hokuto)

At that time... a dull sound echoed and the branch that was hooked with the [String] was broken.

It looked like Hokuto was somewhat too excited.

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

For now... Hokuto was lying down while showing his belly.



Extra/Bonus Act 2 – Hokuto and Game of Tag

Beginner Level (Play)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Look, I’m here, Hokuto.” (Fia)

“Oh my, you can’t catch me, is it?” (Reese)

“Kya! Hokuto-san is coming.” (Emilia)

Advanced Level (Training of Hell)

“Gurururu...” (Hokuto)

“Run! Hokuto-san is coming!” (Reus)

“It’s pointless to run! He would go around to your rear–... guhuu!” (Eye)

“He-helppp... gahuu!?” (Kuva)

“Aaarrgghh-!?” (Rai)

Expert Level (Contact with the Master)

“Woof! Woof!” (Hokuto) ← His appearance was seen as six afterimages.

“Fuf! Hah! Let’s do it, Hokuto!” (Sirius) ← Made an innumerable magical afterimages.

“““...They are too fast, I can’t grasp well.””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)



Gourmet – Hokuto

The Continent of Melifest.

In general, the quality of mana didn’t varied much. Hokuto was able to enjoy a stable taste everywhere, but in some forest, he could enjoy fine quality mana.

The forest where he met the Master was the best among the places he went until now.

He didn’t ask a major change in meals from the Master because this continent was perfectly suited his taste.

The Continent of Adload

Since there were many forests, it was full of mana and he could enjoy various natural tastes.

However, there were also a lot of mana with strong peculiarity, and there were some which didn’t fit depending on the place.

He could probably taste the highest quality of mana in the world in a hidden place where a huge tree stood, but he had to be careful because that couldn’t guarantee his life if he got closer.

He would have to be prepared if he wanted to go there.

The Continent of Hypne

There were many mountains where the height difference was huge. It was a continent which had a dramatically change in term of the mana quality depending on the place.

Since it covered a wide range of thick and thin mana, both were recommended to those who wanted to have fun.

However, the different of the environment was intense. The disadvantage was the inhabiting monsters were annoying.

Well, although the quality of mana varies based on the continent, the best of all was the mass of mana that the Master created.

The mass of mana which was compressed many times and when it entered his mouth, the mana was unraveling one after another. It was like the taste changed like seven colors and amused people who eat it.

It was exactly like a jewel box made of mana!

The Master's compassion was the best spice than anything else. Every time Hokuto-kun ate it, he was lifted to the heaven.

'He doesn't produce that much, but Master's mana is close to the nature taste... Why don't you try it?' (Hokuto)

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"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"...That's what he says, Aniki." (Reus)

"...I can understand that you just want to eat my mana, you know." (Sirius)

Chapter 141

After All, It is for the Sake of Everyone

“You have come. Is there any problem since you are here?” (Mejia)

“It’s spacious. I never thought that there was such a place in the mountains, you know.” (Sirius)

“If we, the Dragonkin, fight, the damage to the surroundings will be huge. So we need such a place.” (Mejia)

On the next day after being challenged by Mejia... we came together with him to a shrine in a mountain further away from the village of winged people.

No, could I even call this... a shrine?

The structures that seemed to be buildings were completely changed to rubble. The stone paving that covered the surroundings came off here and there and it was all covered with moss and plants.

There were many other stone pillars which were tall enough to look up, but it was similar to the paving. It was terrible, mostly decayed and collapsed.

It was a place with historical value, but since the buildings and pillars were made by the ancestors of the Dragonkin, it didn’t seem to bring any particular meanings to them.

Well, in short, this was like the playground for the Dragonkin.

“Even if we destroy anything like the surrounding pillars and it becomes rubbles, there will be no problem since our ancestors built it as a hobby.” (Mejia)

“In other words, you don’t mind if I freely use magic?” (Sirius)

This was a place on the other side of the mountain that could be seen from the village. It took several tens of minutes to get there even by riding the dragon. In any case, they

would be able to fight with full power without considering the damage to the village.

“If you understand, let’s start this. It seems like they are also waiting.” (Mejia)

When I turned sideways, the disciples were sitting on a rug. They were on a hill which was a bit away and they became the audience.

There was also Zenodora in his human form here, but originally, the chief, Asrad was here even though he shouldn’t leave the village.

He tried to go against Mejia’s will by saying with serious expression, so that Mejia wouldn’t overdo things, but I could only think that his effort was completely waste of time.

“Nevertheless, you people are really calm. It won’t be unusual to die if human have a fight with the Dragonkin, you know?” (Asrad)

“That’s because it’s Aniki. It doesn’t matter even the opponent is a Dragonkin.” (Reus)

“Whoever the opponent is, Sirius-sama will certainly come back. Leaving that aside, would you like to have more bread?” (Emilia)

“Nomnom... I want three pieces, please.” (Reese)

“I want one more. How about you, Karen?” (Fia)

“I want it! Okaa-san, do you want to eat this too?” (Karen)

“Yes, I can eat too much, so shall I share half of it to Karen?” (Frenda)

We also brought her for study purpose, and next to her was the mother, Frenda.

Although Frenda had already recovered to the extent that she could walk alone, there was no plan to let her do that because it was excessive.

However, knowing that I would fight against Mejia, she lowered her head no matter how I looked at her. I thought that she wanted to stay with her daughter, but it didn’t seem to be that way.

I wasn’t sure about the detailed circumstances, but as a person who was entrusted to

guide Karen, I should be careful not to show a cowardly figure.

“How about Asrad-sama and Zenodora-sama? I made these together with Sirius-sama this morning, so don’t hesitate to have some.” (Emilia)

“Hmm, let me have it. By the way, the thing you called croquette is really delicious. I never thought that potato would change this much.” (Asrad)

“I agree. The one with the black sauce put in the bread is the best.” (Zenodora)

I couldn’t hear the conversation well, but... the bunch over there had already started the picnic.

I didn’t really mind if they enjoy it, but I wanted them to be careful since they were at a distance that the aftermath of the battle seemed able to reach them.

Well, the disciples could protect themselves, and both Dragonkin, Asrad and Zenodora would protect—...

“Wait a sec, Zenodora. It is more delicious to eat the croquette alternately with this rice.” (Asrad)

“I can’t yield in this matter, Jii-san. It is best to have it in between of breads.” (Zenodora)

“No, it’s the rice!” (Asrad)

“It’s the bread!” (Zenodora)

Since the two of them loudly shouted, I could hear the content.

How should I say this... both of them were the top among the Dragonkin, but I thought that it was pitiful to see the fight between the ‘rice’ faction and the ‘bread’ faction.

I felt uneasy, but if Karen and Frenda would fall under a dangerous situation, the two Dragonkin would surely protect them.

“Damn... although I’m serious about this, the chief and Zenodora acting frivolously!” (Mejia)

And the one here was way too serious.

He was about to fly and complain about it, but I came closer to appease Mejia.

“Calm down. They aren’t the ones who will fight, so let them do whatever they like.”
(Sirius)

“However, a duel is also a sacred ceremony. I can’t stand seeing such a frivolous attitude!” (Mejia)

“...Aren’t you also frivolous? While challenging me to a fight, why would you care about unrelated parties?” (Sirius)

“Hmm...” (Mejia)

“You are not going to say something like... not able to bring out your strength just because there are spectators, right? If you are a Dragonkin, don’t focus on other place and fight me.” (Sirius)

“...Yeah, I’m certainly being rude to you.” (Mejia)

It might because I was right, Mejia calmed down and lowered his head to me.

He seemed not a bad person since he properly apologize and admitted that he was at fault, but it seemed that Zenodora and Asrad didn’t know what to do since they already failed to be serious.

By the way, I was talking to Mejia in the usual way because honorifics were unnecessary if we were going to fight.

Anyhow, it would be better to start a fight before any more troublesome things happened.

I was fully equipped with the usual weapons and various small tools hidden around the body. Although I was confronted by Mejia, who was empty handed, in a certain distance, he came close to me with human form.

“...Are you going to fight in that form?” (Sirius)

“It’s hard to adjust the strength when I’m in dragon form. I’ll wait and see first.” (Mejia)

Even though Mejia said that, it didn't mean that he was proud of himself or being careless.

It was natural to say that because once he was in the dragon form, he would be several times larger than me and all blows would be fatal.

In other words, he was probably allowing me to do the first move. Since Mejia didn't move from where he stood, I slowly mustered my mind and leaped out.

"...Hah!" (Sirius)

"Hmmm!? But, with that degree of movement...!" (Mejia)

I activated [Boost] and leaped into his chest in one step, but Mejia probably able to see my movement. He accurately swung his fist in line with my movement.

At that moment when I activated [Mirage] that created an afterimage by releasing mana from the whole body, Mejia's fist was scratching my cheeks together with the fierce sound of wind.

The afterimage scattered right away by the fierce fist, but I went to his flank during that gap. While kicking the back of the knee, I neck threw him to the ground.

It was a technique often used to neutralize opponent, but if it was done seriously, there was a possibility of killing since it hit the back of the opponent's head.

However, the body of the Dragonkin was sturdy. There wasn't much pain in the place where I struck strongly. I asked Zenodora and the three dragons to cooperate the day before, and I was taught about the Dragonkin's sturdiness.

As I expected, Mejia calmly stood up, but...

"Since it is to be like this, I will-..." (Mejia)

"I thought you'd say that!" (Sirius)

Then, I let Mejia ate kicks strengthened with unsparing [Boost].

There was no way Mejia could stand firm in that unstable posture. He was kicked and greatly blown away from me while rolling on the stone pavement.

Although the distance was far away, I still chased after him while rapidly shooting [Impact]. Mejia was blown further away and crashed his back onto nearby stone pillar.

The pillar collapsed with an intense impulsive sound. Mejia's body was buried within the debris, but... he stood up again as if nothing had happened.

"That was splendid. I never thought that human blows could reach this degree. But it didn't work on me-..." (Mejia)

"No, that's enough. I almost understand everything now." (Sirius)

"You are awfully confident, but what did you understand?" (Mejia)

"Let me say this clearly. You can't win against me as it is now." (Sirius)

"...What did you say?" (Mejia)

Mejia showed that he was irritated when he heard my words, but I could say that because I had the confidence.

I was taught this by Zenodora and the three dragons. Since the Dragonkin were sturdy, they had the tendency to accept non lethal blows.

They were probably the best tribe to fight with a style of receiving damage to inflict more damage on the opponent.

It seemed that their scales could receive anything even the advanced magic, so it was natural because it was hard to avoid attack with the dragon's large body.

He was sturdy even in the human form based on the blow just now, but since the weight was for some reason getting lighter according to the form, let alone the [Impact], he ended up being blown away just by my kick.

If I had to bring him down for real, I had to find an opening and ended it with [Anti Material].

That was why I could openly say that he couldn't win, but in first place, this duel wasn't about winning or losing.

"This duel is meaningless unless we both use everything we have. Transform quickly

and come at me.” (Sirius)

While repeating the provocation, I remembered the situation when I was challenged by Mejia.



[In that case, I have a favor to ask. Will you... have a fight with me?] (Mejia)

Normally, I would think that Mejia challenged me because he wanted to get revenge on his brother, but since I couldn't feel any murderous intent, I decided to ask in detail.

[Revenge? There is no such a thing. That guy-... no, my brother wasn't only betrayed our brethren, he was also a criminal who committed taboo. It is normal for him to be killed.] (Mejia)

Although Mejia said that, what came to his mind when he was told about his brother from Asrad was confusion rather than anger.

It seemed that he couldn't remain as it was. In fact, he came to me by instinct.

[However... I still can't hate my brother completely. I didn't see him killed our father, but I can't forget him even though he only play with me once when I was a child.] (Mejia)

It might be because his serious personality. I felt that I was somehow understood his anguish.

Surely, that wasn't the reason.

Whether Goraon was a criminal who committed the taboo, he was still the only brother to Mejia.

[So I want to know your strength. I want to feel that my brother was defeated by a strong man.] (Mejia)

The Dragonkin was a tribe who respect strong men, and he seemed to be proud of challenging them.

In other words, this wasn't for getting revenge. It might not be necessary for me to

fight and took that kind of risk since it was only for self satisfaction that Mejia wished to protect, even if Goraon was his proud brother.

However, it was a fact that I took Goraon down. I thought that I want to accept the challenge if it could clear his feelings even a little by fighting.

In addition... I had to get stronger that I was now.

If I stopped, Reus who was chasing after me would also stop progressing.

That was why I decided a fight with Mejia.



“...I didn’t expect that you would ask me to transform. You are strange.” (Mejia)

Mejia slowly got up because of my provocation and put up a ferocious smile.

I didn’t feel the madness, but since the smile was very similar to Goraon, I was able to convince that they were siblings after all.

“I am aware that I am strange. By the way, your brother was transforming right away, you know?” (Sirius)

“I’m different compared to him. How am I supposed to know that?” (Mejia)

“Don’t mind it. That’s what a duel is all about, right?” (Sirius)

“Yeah!” (Mejia)

As enormous mana overflowed at the same time, Mejia’s body was transforming into a dragon form.

I could feel the sense of intimidation when he only stood there. In addition, it would be fatal wounds even if I was grazed by his claws and fangs. Let alone kicking, I was going to fight an enormous body which wouldn’t affected by [Impact] from now.

It wasn’t my first time to fight against the Dragonkin, but since his size was obviously different compared to Goraon, I should consider this differently.

[Don't disappoint me with that big mouth of yours!] (Mejia)

"Yeah, I got it." (Sirius)

This feeling of tension... it was similar as when I fought the 'Strongest Sword' Jii-san and the 'Magic Master'.

While embracing the long lasting feeling, I took a breath...

"...I'm going." (Sirius)

The, I turned on the 'Switch'.



— Shimifia —

"...He doesn't change, isn't it?" (Fia)

Although I had listened beforehand, I naturally leaked a sigh when watching Sirius who was attacking the dragon without fear.

The appearance of fighting against a strong enemy was awesome. Even though I believed that Sirius would be alright, there was another thing to worry about.

"It's because he is Sirius-sama." (Emilia)

"Yes. But, it is enough for me if he comes back safely." (Fia)

Emilia, who had no doubt and believed in her Master, was calm. In the meantime, she was preparing towels and drinks while watching Sirius's battle.

She was probably preparing for when the battle was over, but it was amazing for her to attend Sirius without break.

On the other hand, Reese was intently watching Sirius may be because she was more anxious and worried about him.

Although she made me wanted to protect her even if I was a woman, it was regrettable to say that many croquette breads in her hands were getting reduced by half.

By the way, I was half on both anxious and confidence, but when we thought like this, I felt that it was mysterious and balanced.

Well, even if there was anxiety, we were used to waiting, so it was fine for us...

“Uhm, Fia-Oneechan. Is Onii-san going to be alright?” (Karen)

“Ye-yeah! Mejia-san is considerably stronger man among the Dragonkin, you know? And when he transforms...” (Frenda)

It was natural for Karen and Frenda to feel panic because they didn’t know well about Sirius yet.

There was certainly a hopeless difference in physique of Human and Dragonkin, but it seemed that Sirius had something in mind because he planned to fight Mejia in that form from the beginning.

Anyhow, the battle would start from now on, so I had to finish what Sirius had asked me.

While stroking the head of Karen who anxiously looked up, I turned my eyes to where the battle was taking place.

“Karen. I understand that you are worried, but look closely at the battle over there. Sirius will show you the top of the magic he thought you.” (Fia)

“Do you mean [Impact] or [String]?” (Karen)

“Yes. Other than that, don’t overlook the magic that he plans to teach you from now on. Observing is also part of study.” (Fia)

“But it hurts if I don’t close my eyes...” (Karen)

“...It’s fine to blink your eyes.” (Fia)

“Alright!” (Karen)

Goodness... although this girl was smart, she was somehow absentminded. I guessed I couldn’t leave her alone.

But wasn't she cute? I wondered if this was what Sirius said about tickling the maternal instincts.

As Karen began to observe quietly, I noticed that Frenda was staring at me.

As I expected, would it be rude for me to say something that her mother should say?

Because of that, I spoke while apologizing, but Frenda was shaking her head with a bitter smile.

"Aah, it's not that. Although this is such a time, I have something I want to ask Shimifiasan." (Frenda)

"You can call me Fia. So, what do you want to ask?" (Fia)

"Although Mejia-san had transformed, let alone Fia, why anyone else didn't try to stop the fight? Am I weird to ask that?" (Frenda)

"Hehe, don't worry. Frenda is normal. It's just that we are slightly different." (Fia)

I wasn't sure about the two Dragonkin who were still arguing nearby, but we already got used to Sirius' behavior.

Reus was trying to absorb the skill even a little so that was why he didn't say anything from a little while ago and was watching the battle seriously. Among us, Reese was probably the most anxious, but she was preparing to concentrate mana while eating bread so that the treatment could be done anytime.

When I told that the battle would stop if it turned really bad, Frenda made a difficult expression while nodding.

"Alright... Then, I would like to ask one more thing. Aren't you afraid of Sirius-kun? I have never seen someone fight a Dragonkin..." (Frenda)

"Sirius likes to train himself and compete, but he didn't like the fight itself." (Fia)

He always said it in order to protect the important people and to let his intention through.

As a proof, I was told the reason why Sirius accepted this fight last night. He said that

it was to surpass his limit and other than that, it was to clear Mejia's hesitation up.

But then, he quietly muttered that... if he became stronger, Reus, who was chasing his might, was expected to be stronger. To begin with, the number one reason was to show Karen the possibilities of non attribute.

Although he was saying one thing or another, it was all for the disciples rather than himself. That made me smile.

"You know, when Sirius fights, he often affects people who are watching. So, I want you to observe him without saying anything." (Fia)

"...I understand." (Frenda)

Frenda might be convinced with my words. After stroking Karen, she was looking at the two who were fighting over there.

The reasons why she was pushing such questions were because she was worried about Sirius and also wanted to know about him.

Since he was the person whom she entrusted her daughter, it was natural that she wanted to know about him even a bit.

As the fight gradually became intense, Sirius began to make heavy use of magic which he rarely used in general.

"Onii-san is flying in the sky!?" (Karen)

"That is not flying. He is making scaffolds with mana and [String]s. I think he will teach you someday, so please look carefully." (Fia)

"The rubbles are flying in a strange direction. I wonder what on earth is that all about?" (Frenda)

"That is the application of [Impact] and [String]. I'm not sure what the reason is, but I'm sure there must be something." (Fia)

Let alone [Impact], Sirius had been using [Magnum] which was something he was good at, but it didn't seem very effective against Mejia.

To make matters worse, Sirius needed to move more than Mejia, so it looked like he was getting tired and starting to be gradually pushed.

However, I didn't see Sirius giving up from his expression.

Well, it was natural since he was the person who told Reus that... he would rather die than giving up.

"Onii-san..." (Karen)

"Karen. Calm down and take a closer look at Sirius. Does he seem to give up?" (Fia)

'With that, I was entrusted to explain to Karen. So, you... like always... '

"...Fight to your heart content... for everyone's sake." (Fia)



Today's...

"..." (Hokuto)

"....." (Hokuto)

"....." (Hokuto)

".....Woof." (Hokuto)

"He is sulking because he never gets a turn. Later, you will be stroked by Aniki, brushed, and you can play Frisbee with..." (Reus)

"No, Reus! Stay quietly until Sirius-sama returns!" (Emilia)

"Hmm... did you call me?" (Sirius)

"Awoooo—!" (Hokuto)

"Hokuto? What's wr—... waahhhh!?" (Sirius)

Chapter 142

Convenient at Times

The summary of the previous chapter.

Everyone, long time no see. I am the idol of the town and Dee-san's wife, Noel!

Now, this is the synopsis of the last chapter, Sirius-sama and others who helped Karen, a winged person, came to the village of the winged people.

They met a very strong tribe called the Dragonkin, and among them, there was a younger brother of a Dragonkin who Sirius-sama defeated in the past.

The younger brother, Mejia-san, didn't hate Sirius-sama in particular. However, it was tough for Sirius-sama to fight him in order to disperse the uncertain feeling within him.

At first, Mejia-san fought Sirius-sama in his human form, but he finally recognize his abilities and transformed to the dragon form.

Will Sirius-sama win against a huge dragon?

...After that, Sirius-sama punished the Dragonkin, and he became their king while having the power to rule the world.

It's a happy ending, happy-... ehh?

Only the ending is different?

The battle is still not over yet?

No... I guess it's good to think that kind of ending, isn't it?

I tried to talk to Dee-san, because this was something expected of married couple.

“Gurururu!” (Hokuto)

Hyaa-!?

I’m sorry for taking your role of doing this without permission!

Bu-but... since it was comfortable to be brushed by Sirius-sama, Hokuto-san also think of doing it—... Nyaa!?

Sirius-sama, save me!

“Uhm... What’s wrong, Noel?” (Sirius)



— — (TLN: *Third Switch*)

As the battle with the real Mejia, who had transformed to the dragon form, began, I turned on the ‘Switch’ at the same time as activating [Boost] and kicked the ground.

[Come at me, Sirius!] (Mejia)

It was the first time he spoke my name. I assumed he acknowledged me as a strong man.

To meet his expectation, I shot [Magnum] unsparingly.

[Ugh!? That level is...!] (Mejia)

Although three mana bullets simultaneously shot could penetrate an iron plate, it merely gave a little shake to Mejia’s body.

I had an expectation to a certain extent, but let alone the scales, it couldn’t make a splinter.

“Is this the real Dragonkin? Yet...!” (Sirius)

But, I wouldn’t stop advancing.

I approached from the front while constantly maintained the mana on the whole body.

Mejia swung his arm at the speed that didn't match his huge body, but I went to his side while activating [Mirage] again.

[...I will not fall to the same trick twice!] (Mejia)

Mejia flung his tail to mow me down, but I leaped up and avoided it while shooting [Magnum] again.

I tried aiming at the part without scales this time, but since it was only a small hole opened, the hole would soon close with a slight bleeding.

Not only the scales, the muscles and the skin were also sturdy, huh?

Unlike Goraon who could indefinitely regenerate even if his skin was soft, the one here was a truly nuisance opponent.

[Got you!] (Mejia)

He tried to knock me down as I leaped up, but I leaped further by using [Air Step] and avoided it.

[What!?] (Mejia)

"Are you surprised?" (Sirius)

Mejia probably didn't expect that I could kick the air. Then, when he looked up while being surprised, I unleashed countless bullets at him.

Not only [Magnum], I also used [Launcher] and [Snipe] like rain, but there wasn't a single scar on Mejia's body.

[That's magnificent, but it's no use if it doesn't penetrate my scales!] (Mejia)

As Mejia endured my magic while protecting his eyes, he looked up and released breath attack at the same time.

Since it was a thin heat ray rather than a fire breath that burned in a wide range, I made a huge leaped with [Air Step].

Once I took a distance, I confirmed the consumption of mana and while predicting the

difference in fighting power, I also arrange the information that I experienced from Mejia who was nearby.

“Just barely... isn’t it?” (Sirius)

I would probably be defeated at the time I stopped my leg.

I definitely wouldn’t be able to fight even if one of Mejia’s attacks directly struck me... No, there was rather a high possibility of dying.

In order to win... or to survive, I had to continue avoiding all of his attacks, and I had no choice but to release a blow that could penetrate even those scales, and... that was [Anti Material].

However, that magic requires a bit of time to compress the mana.

In addition, the bullet flying speed was slower than [Magnum]. It would be avoided if I did it in normal situation.

Since Mejia protected his eyes earlier, he seemed to properly judge that the attacks would inflict fatal injuries. Even if the body was enormous, the reflexes of the Dragonkin was very fast.

He would probably have a hard time to hit me due to physical difference, but in terms of physical abilities, Mejia was better than me.

Speaking of what I surpassed him were battle experience and instantaneous force.

In any case, this was a matter of hitting Mejia with [Anti Material] before he got used to my movement...

The path to victory was too small and too far, but now, there were no other options than to go through with everything I had.

[...I can’t imagine my attacks never hit you even until now.] (Mejia)

After that, the situation continued where I kept avoiding Mejia’s attack by making full use of [Air Step] and [String] hooked on nearby stone pillars.

Although it was more severe than I imagined, I still ran around his vicinity while

shooting [Magnum] in between.

In addition, I threw magic stones engraved with the magic formation of [Create] to the ground, and made several pillars similar to the surrounding pillars.

The sturdy pillar was also a shield that hid me, so I made it one after another, but it was destroyed by Mejia in one blow.

The creation and the destruction of pillars were repeating, but I was still throwing it with the intention to use up every mana stone, and the surrounding area now was full of stone pillars.

Then, I wasn't only using [Magnum] to attack, I also make use the surrounding rubbles as bullets. So, mana bullets were being shot from all sides of Mejia, but...

[What a crafty attack. But soon I...] (Mejia)

However, no matter where I shot, I couldn't sense that Mejia was in pain. It was just making him feel annoyed.

Since the eyes which seemed to be his weak points, he definitely defended it with his arms. It was good to say that he was still intact.

I thought that I could find another fragile part, but... it seemed it didn't go well.

By having this kind of struggle, I wonder if Mejia had gotten used to my movements. The precious of his attacks gradually began to increase, and it was getting harder to avoid.

[How long are you going to repeat such an attack? Don't you realize that you already out of options?] (Mejia)

"Well. That same goes to you. Why don't you fly in the sky?" (Sirius)

[I am considering about your abilities. I can't fly easily without being aimed at the wings.] (Mejia)

Even if I couldn't penetrate the scales, he couldn't prevent the impact.

I was thinking that I would shoot the wings and knock him down when Mejia flew in

the sky, but Mejia seemed to be observing me calmly.

Then, when I avoided a breath of flames that mowed down in wide range by leaping sideways, Mejia's tail was swung down as if it had been aimed there.

He began to attack with the anticipation of avoidance destination, but that was still within my expectation.

As I kicked the air and avoided the tail, I released [Impact] on the fragments of the stone pillar where the tail crushed. The rocks were shot like bullet and hit his face.

[Guh!? Such a way to use that!?] (Mejia)

His neck swayed greatly due to the direct hit of massive rocks, but apparently, it seemed that his nose was hit slightly. Even so, it looked like there was a limit as much as stopping his movement slightly.

I wonder if I could bring him down with [Anti Material] in this situation. Whether the disturbance gave way to negligence, I was slightly delayed to notice the claws were swung while splitting the fire breath.

I leaped and forcibly twisted my body to avoid it, but that gap was fatal.

My posture in the air was unstable, but I was still preparing magic now. However, it was difficult to avoid the tail blow that came after me.

Although this was a tough situation, it was still possible to recover.

“[Launcher]” (Sirius)

I reflexively shoot [Launcher] from the right arm, trying to divert the tail trajectory by the impact.

The impact of the bullet, which could crush rocks landed, swayed Mejia's tail greatly, but...

[Haa—!] (Mejia)

Based on his might that I'd seen so far, I unleashed [Launcher] unsparingly.

However, Mejia exceeded my expectation. He forcibly rebuilt the posture of swayed tail by using his strength. Then, he swung it at me again.

Was this the result of failing to measure Mejia's strength in addition to my own carelessness?

It was already impossible to completely avoid the blow of the tail any longer.

No, I could avoid it by giving up something, but if I did that, the possibility of winning against Mejia would be no more.

However, I had no more time to be hesitated. So, I unleashed [Launcher] by keeping its power through instinct.

"Guhh!?" (Sirius)

The [Launcher] released from the right arm simultaneously exploded with the activation, and I received the shockwave and was able to escape the trajectory by hair's breadth.

However, the right arm extended couldn't completely escape the tail. When the tail grazed like a whip at my right hand, I was blown away together with a pain like being cut off.

The impact caused my body to rotate like a spinning top, but I was somehow able to land on the ground while taking a defensive posture.

[I finally got you. I've... your movement.] (Mejia)

I immediately confirmed that my right hand was still intact, but the flesh was scoured by the scales, and it was in severe condition.

Just being grazed... I intensively reinforced my arm with mana. If it wasn't due to the impact, my arm would have been torn apart.

As I was wary of the Mejia's pursuit while bearing the pain of the right arm, he overlooked me for some reason.

[Sirius... you fought well. But, that's it.] (Mejia)

“...Are you already declaring victory?” (Sirius)

[You can't fight well with that arm. I'm not fighting this battle to kill you, so just admit your defeat.] (Mejia)

“Is that so...?” (Sirius)

Just now, it was really a paper-thin difference.

Preserving mana seemed to be interrupted by the severe pain, and since the right arm was completely broken, it was in a state that it couldn't be moved.

The hint of defeat was getting stronger as Mejia had already grasped my movement, but... somehow, I seemed to be the one who should be in that situation.

The preparation was... all good.

“If that's the case, this will be my last attack. If you can endure... you are the winner.” (Sirius)

[Do you got something else? Fine, I'll accept that!] (Mejia)

I ran around Mejia many times, and use manastones to produce a number of stone pillars. Even though [Magnum] didn't get through, everything was for the sake of this time.

Numerous [String]s were produced on my left hand. These weren't just for Mejia. It was fixed and entangled with the surrounding pillars and various rocks.

After recovering mana, I took out the last manastone. I loaded it with mana and dropped it on the ground.

“Activate!” (Sirius)

When the manastone carved with the [Create] magic formation activated, all the stone pillars that remained around it collapsed on its center together with a big earthquake.

Although Mejia was surprised by the earthquake, he calmly looked around, but he opened eyes wide due to what happen next.

[Wha!? Why the pillars!?!] (Mejia)

The rubbles at the surrounding and the broken pillars suddenly flew toward Mejia all at once.

Since it was massive and approaching from all directions, Mejia, who gave up knocking all them down, tried to escape to the sky, but...

[What... my wings...? No, my whole body too! When is this!?!] (Mejia)

Since the net-like [String]s were attached around his body as well as the wings, it was impossible to fly because he wasn't able to spring the wings well.

The stone pillars and the rubble flew around while he was disturbed, but Mejia's movement was getting slower.

Eventually, walking also became difficult. Then, Mejia lost the balance and collapsed forward.

[What's going!?! How can this be happening!?!] (Mejia)

"I prepared these for quite some time. It will be a problem if you don't get caught."
(Sirius)

The stone pillars and the rubble were flying around because I set the [String]s up while moving around.

I produced stone pillars by using manastones not because I wanted to use it as covers. It was to stop him and to hook with stretchable [String] that was as strong as rubber. If one looked down from the sky, it was like a countless stone pillars and [String]s stretched around like a spider's nest.

When the stone pillar that had become the last stack destroyed, the [String] that extended like a net was the mechanism that attacked Mejia all at once.

In short, it put a countless of throwing nets with weights, and when it released all at once, it bound Mejia.

It was an extremely troublesome trap to make, but since it would be torn apart if the nets were sliced one by one, I had to make proper preparation.

Before the preparation over, it was a bet whether I could handle the fight against Mejia.

The reason I kept shooting [Magnum] even though I knew it didn't work well on his body was to mislead the uncomfortable feeling of the [String]s that were attached to Mejia's body.

Since I made the casting net with hooked [String] as a landmark, it might be the hardest to maintain this without being noticed. It was torn apart several times on the way, so it was hard to redo the trap.

Although it was strange that he didn't notice, the figure of the dragon was big and powerful, so it didn't matter much if he was somewhat pulled.

This was also a possible trap because as a Dragonkin, he could receive a huge blow from the front which was why I had to distract him with [Magnum].

[Kuh... the restraint with that degree...!] (Mejia)

Even though it was a solid [String], it still couldn't last against the claws of the Dragonkin.

However, he couldn't swing his claws enough when he was captured by countless nets. In order to escape, he had no choice but to finely move his claws and cut the nets one by one.

He would probably escape the moment he was set free, but this was already a huge opening.

I already started compressing mass of mana when I crushed the last manastone... so the preparation for launching [Anti Material] was already in place.

"It's the same state as his brother..." (Sirius)

Although the method was different, the movement of Goraon was sealed with numerous [String]s.

As my left hand was used to maintain [String]s, I directed the injured right arm toward Mejia and released [Anti Material] at the same time.

The mana cannonball slit the air, penetrating the distant mountain with big hole... It

also grazed Mejia's head and he lose one of his two horns.

[...Why? Are you a man who miss the target in this kind of situation?] (Mejia)

"I am the same with you. I do this not for killing. So, are you confident that you can survive with that blow?" (Sirius)

[That would be... impossible.] (Mejia)

"Then, do you understand what I am trying to say?" (Sirius)

[Aah, I have to admit it.] (Mejia)

When I put off the [String] at the same time with those words, Mejia slowly got up and declared while letting out a sigh as if he had gave up.

[It's... my lost.] (Mejia)



— Sirius —

Once I confirmed that Mejia acknowledged his defeat, I relieved my battle posture and sat there.

I repeatedly recovered and exhausted mana many times, so as I already closed to the limit of physical and mind, it was really hard to stand up.

As I expected, it was intense to have Dragonkin as opponents. To begin with, it was also strange to challenge them alone.

If I did this with my comrades, it wouldn't be a close fight.

I could entrust Hokuto and Reus to stop them and I could end it with [Anti Material] while having them protected me.

[Hmm, is your arm still hurting?] (Mejia)

"Of course." (Sirius)

Mejia asked with worried voice, but since I was already exhausted, I didn't hesitate to reply.

It might be because I was relieved that the battle had ended, the pain of the right arm was starting to get worse. I was trying to anesthetize by putting mana, but since I was consuming mana more than expected, my consciousness was about to disappear.

The strength all over the bodies also disappeared all at once. This might look unsavory, but the moment I began to fall on my back...

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Sirius-sama!” (Emilia)

When I turned around at the familiar voices, Hokuto supported me who was about to fall with his forefoot.

At the same time, Emilia and Reese who were on Hokuto's back sat by my sides and looked into my eyes anxiously.

“Please wait, I will heal you immediately!” (Reese)

“Reese. While you are at it, please keep this cloth wet at the same time.” (Emilia)

While having a serious look, Reese used her magic and when the injured right arm wrapped in water, the pain subsided.

After all, it was simply due to mana exhaustion and fatigue, so it would be fine if she closed the wound on the arm and let me rest.

While having the treatment, Hokuto lied down and had me lean against his body. Emilia wiped off the dirt on my body and my face with a wet towel. She earnestly took care of me while having me drink water.

Although it was a bit late, another face came together riding behind Zenodora and Asrad who were in their dragon forms. When they came near me, they began to make a big noise.

[It was brilliant, Sirius. Despite being a human, you boldly attack him. I also don't expect that you can use magic that is likely to injure even Dragonkin.] (Asrad)

[Yes, it is. I thought it would be a draw, but I didn't expect that you would win. Although I have lived for many years, this was considerably interesting fight.] (Zenodora)

"That's Aniki for you! I hope that I can win against Dragonkin alone someday!" (Reus)

"You are in front of an injured person. Can you be quiet for a bit?" (Emilia)

[[“Yes...”]] (Asrad/Zenodora/Reus)

Although they were smiling, they simultaneously shut their mouths when they felt Emilia's anger.

That was to be expected from Reus, but I didn't think that the Dragonkin would nodded obediently. It was terrifying even though she was my attendant.

As the situation was bad, the two Dragonkin went to Mejia. Then, Fia came next while looking amazed.

"Goodness. I thought that it would be alright. Please don't make us worry too much. Everyone was about to scream when you almost lost one arm, you know." (Fia)

"Hmm... I can say nothing but sorry." (Sirius)

"I understand that you have to fight, but please be very careful. We want you to hold us tightly with both hands." (Fia)

Emilia and Reese nodded several times, agreeing to those words.

After that, Fia lightly rubbed my forehead as if scolding her little baby, but she immediately smiled, and happily caressed my cheeks.

"Anyhow, I'm glad that you are safe. But you are forbid from doing any intense training for a while." (Fia)

"I got it. The bone is broken, so I have to refrain from exercising for a while." (Sirius)

"Now is my turn! As Sirius-sama's attendant, I will take care from your meal to bath, and also that!" (Emilia)

"She is as usual... isn't it?" (Fia)

Reese' healing magic was slightly ineffective against bones. Furthermore, instead of crack, the bone was completely broken. So, it would be good to improve her healing capability and to do it carefully.

Originally, it was an injury that required several months for complete recovery, but if the healing capability was enhanced with mana, I would be able to move the arm to a certain extent in a couple of days.

Anyway, looking at the expression of the ladies, I guessed I would just accept it for some time.

Then, after the arm treatment ended, when they fixed my right arm with a bandage and a branch, Karen and his mother, Frenda, who were waiting, came closer.

"...Are you alright?" (Karen)

"Aah, it will take some time for my arm, but I'll be fine. Leaving that aside, did you watch the magic I used, Karen?" (Sirius)

"Yes! It was amazing!" (Karen)

At first, she was looking at my wounds with painful expression, but after confirming that I was fine, she had her wings flapping with shining eyes.

However, she was tilting the neck at the same time when the flapping wings stopped moving. She might have questions in her mind.

"But, can I do it? The last magic was really scary..." (Karen)

"You don't really have to learn everything. The magic that I showed mean that I wanted to tell Karen that you could fight against Dragonkin if you do your best even if with your non attribute." (Sirius)

In this world, it was said that non attribute was an unfavorable aptitude attribute, and that was true even among the winged people.

Although she understood to a certain degree about the non attribute magic, [Impact] that I showed on the way to this village, it should had been engraved firmly in her mind through this battle.

“Among the magic that I showed earlier, is there any magic that Karen wants to use?”
(Sirius)

“Uhhh... I want to use magic that fly in the sky!” (Karen)

She was probably talking about [Air Step].

However, the mana consumption was intense and there was a high possibility of falling even after creating a half-baked scaffold. In addition, it was still too early for Karen because she needed to train her legs too.

Even when I explained that, Karen moved both hands and wings in high spirits. It might be because she was still too excited.

“Karen. Sirius-kun is tired, so be a good girl.” (Frenda)

“Uhh... I’m sorry. But...” (Karen)

“I understand. I also looking forward to Karen to be able to fly in the sky.” (Frenda)

“Yes!” (Karen)

It seemed that only the mother could understand Karen’s feelings after all.

As Frenda stroked and calmed her daughter, she sat in front of me and looked a bit aggravated.

“I’m glad Sirius-kun is alright. But, I don’t really want to see my benefactor got hurt.”
(Frenda)

“It’s fine. However, since I got the permission to educate your daughter, it is important to properly display my strength.” (Sirius)

“Yes, I’m glad when Sirius-kun asked that. This is also the reason why the girl admires your strength.” (Frenda)

However, she put a smile at once. She wasn’t blaming me, but I guessed she worried about myself.

I was a bit touched when given such a deep affection. Then, I slowly got up and headed

toward Mejia. Aside from that, Emilia and Hokuto were also worried. It was hard to walk since they were tightly clinging at me.

[Your arm seems to be alright.] (Mejia)

“Thanks to everyone, I managed somehow. More importantly, do you feel a bit better after fighting me?” (Sirius)

[Yes, it is. At least, I knew why my brother lost to you.] (Mejia)

Since the current Mejia was in his dragon form, it was hard to understand the change in expression.

However, from the way he sounded, I sensed that his hesitation still remained somehow.

“...I guess you still have something else to say, right?” (Sirius)

[No, it’s just that...] (Mejia)

[Mejia. In this situation, just spit everything out.] (Asrad)

[Yes, since you have lost, you should answer his questions.] (Zenodora)

Whether Mejia gave up due to Zenodora’s and Asrad’s pushing, he muttered while looking up at the mountain where I opened a hole.

[I certainly concern about something, but that is a private matter. Rather than asking for it, this may make you uncomfortable.] (Mejia)

“It’s fine. Sometimes talking make you feel better, right?” (Mejia)

[...Alright. I understand that it can be helped to think even until now, but I was wondering why brother... broke the taboo by killing my father.] (Mejia)

That question seemed remain in his mind since Goraon ceased to exist, but even if he temporarily forgot it, he seemed frustrated if he suddenly remembered.

He profoundly remembered it by the time he fought with me.

[Brother was a trash who sacrificed his family for the sake of gaining strength. I was

thinking what I should call that my brother even though he only played with me once...] (Mejia)

“...I don’t have right to say this, but I think Mejia’s view is a bit wrong.” (Sirius)

[What did you say?] (Mejia)

“When I heard about Goraon from you guys, it felt like I actually met him, so I have a feeling that he was thinking of Mejia as a younger brother.” (Sirius)

Rather than embracing the feeling of fighting strong men, Goraon was just a murder who enjoyed killing.

That was why at that time, he didn’t aimed Mejia who was a child, but he aimed his father because he thought of the father as an adult.

“Although he wanted the crystal to become stronger, it was strange to aim at the father first.” (Sirius)

[He probably wanted to obtain my father’s strength. Regardless of getting surprised attack, my father held strength to be the top five in the village.] (Mejia)

“That’s it. He was a person who liked surprised attack or sudden attack, but isn’t weird that he didn’t aiming Mejia at that time.” (Sirius)

Since he was a person who knew that eating same tribe was a taboo, I didn’t think that he would be satisfied with a crystal.

If one thought normally, it would be much easier to take it away from Mejia compared to the father who was a strong man.

In case of the family member, it should be easy enough to invite Mejia who was a child at that time, to a place where no one was present and secretly killed him. Even if Mejia was a Dragonkin, but as a child, he would be attacked by monsters when Goraon took eyes off him.

However... Mejia was still alive.

The disciples probably noticed what I wanted to say. Then, Emilia muttered to represent me.

“Could it be that... he thought you as a younger brother, and that was why he didn’t aim you?” (Emilia)

“There is only one possibility. Even though he played with you only once, he might tried to avoid the change of feeling.” (Sirius)

There was a possibility that Goraon had a shallow discretion.

However, since the person himself was no more, the truth remained unknown.

Although...

[...That is a very convenient way of thinking.] (Mejia)

“I am aware of that. But, what’s wrong with that kind of circumstances?” (Sirius)

Even if he didn’t hear this from me, he had already assumed that Goraon was dead.

I didn’t know how many years ago that incident happened, but it would be far better to come to a clean decision if he still concerned about it until now.

It was also one way of thinking learned in the previous life.

“I think that sometimes it is better to renew the feeling and it is also necessary to look forward. Besides, you can’t say my thought is wrong, am I right?” (Sirius)

[...I guess such a thinking is also possible.] (Mejia)

“I think that it would be impossible to do it immediately, but you may think thoroughly from now on. You needs some space to reconsider for now.” (Sirius)

Without giving space to the mind, things wouldn’t progress well.

Besides, even if Goraon was a criminal, I thought that it was alright to call that person alone as his brother and supporter. At the same time, he might noticed this rather than as a bad example.

I had no plan to forgive that man, but the only thing I appreciated for him was the huge growth of my disciples’ spirits.

After listening to my words, Mejia returned to the human form from the dragon form, and he looked calmer than before the fight.

“...It is strange to be consoled by the one who killed his brother.” (Zenodora)

[But, it's not that bad, isn't it? I can tell by looking at his expression.] (Zenodora)

“Aah... you got that right.” (Mejia)

Nodding at Zenodora, Mejia looked bright as if he found a light in the maze of darkness.



Presenting Hokuto – Karen and the Secret Training

On the evening of the day when the Master fought with Mejia-kun, Karen-chan was out alone facing Hokuto-kun.

Karen was scared of Hokuto-kun until a while ago, but she seemed not afraid at all now. Now, she stood in front of Hokuto-kun who was a bit wondering.

“From now, I will think this as a secret training.” (Karen)

“...Woof.” (Hokuto)

When Hokuto-kun heard such a declaration, what came into his mind was how Karen knew the term secret training.

Apparently, she saw Reus waving his sword in the middle of the knight, and when she asked, he seemed to be telling her that it was a secret training.

Hokuto-kun decided to hit Reus, who engraved unnecessary wisdom, later.

This wasn't only limited to women, but lack of sleep was a big enemy to children.

Incidentally, the Master and Frenda-san were watching from the window of the house, but again, this was a secret training.

“I was told that I couldn't fly in the sky yet, so first, I want to create threads that can't be broken even by As-Jii.” (Karen)

“...Woof.” (Hokuto)

“If I can do that, Onii-san and Okaa-san will praise me.” (Karen)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Hokuto-kun understood well the feeling of wanting to be praised by the Master.

Moreover, since there was no way to stop this situation even with the Master and her mother, Hokuto-kun decided to go all out for a while.

“...I did it! Try pulling it, Hokuto.” (Karen)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Then, the magical thread Karen-chan made with utmost effort tied both Hokuto-kun’s forefeet like a handcuff, but when he put a bit strength, it was easily torn apart.

If it was done poorly, that consequence was normal because Hokuto-kun was stronger than the Dragonkin, but there was no way he could tell that.

“One more time!” (Karen)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

This time, she did it threefold, but the thread was easily torn.

“Then, I will make it thick and twisted!” (Karen)

“...Woof!” (Hokuto)

...The thread was torn again.

“Hmm... I will increase even more!” (Karen)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Although Hokuto-kun already had a strength which was already impossible to people, he did it without holding back.

Since the opponent was a child, it might be a good idea to act thoroughly on purpose, but Hokuto-kun didn't go easy.

It was because she would be satisfied with current situation if he was going easy on her, so she might not have enough strength during emergency situation. This was done in order to prevent her from doing mistakes.

Moreover, since Karen-chan was the disciple of the Master, it would be tough as a Senpai to...

"Uuh... why..." (Karen)

"...Woof." (Hokuto)

"Eh... it didn't break? I did it!" (Karen)

...It seemed Hokuto couldn't win against a crying child.

Chapter 143

My Commitment

The summary of the previous chapter.

✂Caution

Hokuto – Noel – Dee (Under Deliberation) (´・ω)(・ω・`)(ω・`)

“...What are you suddenly deliberating on?” (Sirius)

“Somebody has already mentioned the summary, you know!” (Noel)

“No, I was just called out here...” (Dee)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Whoever it is, it has already started, right?” (Sirius)

“Haa!? Tha-that is bad! Come on now, you too, my dear!” (Noel)

“I told you, I am not-...” (Dee)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Uhm... Sirius-sama challenged Mejia-san, a Dragonkin. He managed to win while struggling, and managed to solve Mejia-san’s feelings of distress.” (Noir)

“No-noir-chan!? When did you...” (Noel)

“That’s why I told you...” (Dee)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Okaa-san doesn’t have to do this forever.” (Noir)

“Hmm... that’s a fair argument. But, no matter how cute my daughter is, as your opponent, there are things that I can’t hand over. Let me tell you this! You are still too young to pass through your mother!” (Noel)

“I...” (Dee)

“Woof...” (Hokuto)

“Can anyone... translate what Hokuto said?” (Sirius)



The next morning after going against Mejia, I woke up a bit later than usual.

It was probably already time to start the morning training by looking the brightness outside. I was prohibited from intense training until the injured right arm was completely healed, but I still had no reason to oversleep.

This time, I slept in Karen’s house because I was tired yesterday. When I slowly opened my eyes...

“Good morning, Sirius-sama.” (Emilia)

Sitting by my bedside was Emilia with a full smile on her face.

I didn’t know how long she had been here, but it seemed that she was looking at my sleeping face as usual.

“...Good morning. You did great even today.” (Sirius)

“There’s no such thing. It is normal for you to wake up late since Sirius-sama was tired from yesterday’s battle.” (Emilia)

“Even so, a win is a win. Come.” (Sirius)

“Yes!” (Emilia)

At the moment, I didn’t give a hint of getting up to Emilia, as I was caressing her cheeks

and her head as well as a reward.

After stroking Emilia's head and cheeks while she got closer at me, I confirmed the condition of my body as soon as I got up.

The right arm was fixed with bandages and a splint. I didn't do anything last night and properly took a rest, but there seemed to be a little fatigue left.

"Sirius-sama. Is your arm alright?" (Emilia)

"Aah, it doesn't hurt anymore. So..." (Sirius)

"I refuse. If I can't take care of you, what's the point of me being an attendant? Plus, Sirius-sama is rarely becoming like this, so I will offer you my assistance to my heart content..." (Emilia)

"Can you at least suppress your rough breathing?" (Sirius)

It was possible for me to change my clothes, but Emilia wouldn't leave, saying that she would help.

Despite those troubles, I washed my face at the outside well after changing clothes. Reese and Fia were running for their morning training while Reus and the three dragons in their human form could also be seen.

When I looked closely, Hokuto was also running... No, he was running with movements like hunting Reus and the three dragons. When he noticed I was awake, he stopped.

Then, he ran to me while wagging tail, but I had doubts at the appearance of Hokuto who was standing in front of me.

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

"Are you... really Hokuto?" (Sirius)

Surprisingly, there were wings growing on the back of Hokuto.

Although it were irregular wings, a shining pure white color could be seen. It made me think that a Hundred Wolves could fly into the sky in the future, but...

“Kuhh–...” (Karen)

“...She is comfortably sleeping, isn't she?” (Emilia)

Karen was sleeping on the back of Hokuto.

It was a morning full of questions, like why Karen, who was doing morning training, was sleeping there, or why Hokuto was chasing Reus and the three dragons in such a state...

When I stroked the head of Hokuto who was wagging his tail without knowing of my bewilderment, Reese and Fia ran to me and explained it while wiping the sweat.

“They were running like normal until halfway, but it feels like they were overwhelmed, after seeing Sirius-san yesterday.” (Reese)

“So, I thought of letting her going home on Hokuto, but he said that it was a nice handicap...” (Fia)

Incidentally, it turned out to be full scale training for Karen, and she fell asleep as if a switch was turned off as soon as the fatigue reached to a certain extent.

Since she abruptly fell down, they felt amazed as they saw it happening for the first time.

When Emilia carried Karen down, Reus and the three dragons, who were finally released from the pursuit, came close to me while tumbling down.

“Haa... haa... we're saved, Sirius-dono.” (Eye)

“We've been... chased forever, since then... my breathing...” (Kuva)

“If you didn't come out... we would have been beaten to the ground...” (Rai)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Hmm... even with the Dragonkin's sturdy body and endurance, you will just get tired if you can't manage your body well. That fatigue is the best proof... that's why Hokuto-san is getting excited.” (Reus)

“““Ye-yes...””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

I just came here, but I was deeply thanked by the three dragons.

On the other hand, Reus was calmly translating even though his breathing was rough. Well, he was used to it since he was training with Hokuto for almost a year.

“Even so, you are great since you continuously ran without dropping Karen.” (Sirius)

“Aren’t you surprised that Karen didn’t wake up?” (Emilia)

“Do you think that girl will wake up with that level of shaking?” (Sirius)

“...Yeah, you’re right.” (Emilia)

It seemed that she could sleep anywhere. I knew that well since she wouldn’t wake up unless I used honey.

Anyhow, while training everyone, Hokuto also trained himself firmly.

I understood this, but somehow it made me feel frustrated when looking at everyone working hard.

Maybe I could train my legs without using arms...

“...You can’t.” (Emilia)

“Not good” (Reese)

“Yup, you can’t.” (Fia)

“...Fine.” (Sirius)

I had no choice but to abandon that intention due to the ladies’ reprove. I had no intention of showing it in my expression, but they understood it well.

When I told them so, Reese had a bitter smile when looking at Emilia who was full of confidence while Fia nodded while winking.

“It is also an attendant’s job to know the thoughts of the Master.” (Emilia)

“I wonder... But, you didn’t come out for the training today... didn’t you?” (Reese)

“Yes. If it’s you, I think you can take care of yourself, but isn’t it also necessary to have a rest?” (Fia)

The disciples were looking back at me while I looked at them.

I had to raise both arms to show that I had given up since I could feel their worries.

“Everyone, the meals are ready!” (Debra)

Incidentally, Debra called us with a loud voice at the same time I admitted defeat. Then, we went back to Karen’s house.



After having breakfast, we came to a certain part of the forest together with Karen who had woken up.

Since the place was a bit farther away from the village, we were brought by Zenodora. After arriving at the destination, he changed to his human form and asked me.

“You are really a mysterious man. What is your business in this forest?” (Zenodora)

“If my prediction is correct, there is an ingredient here.” (Sirius)

This was the place I found when moving to the place where I fought Mejia. The bamboo forest that also existed in my previous life was spreading in front of us.

For me, this was about finding new ingredients, but since it was an ordinary forest for the Dragonkin and winged people, who lived around this area, Zenodora and Karen were tilting their heads in concert.

“Something that can be eaten... isn’t this very hard?” (Karen)

“It’s hard to eat this with a human body, you know? Let alone the winged people, there are probably few of us Dragonkin who can eat this with ease.” (Zenodora)

This was mere side information, but... the Dragonkin were omnivores. They were basically a tribe that could eat anything.

It seemed that they had broad preferences such as meat and vegetables, and those weren't cooked.

In addition, the winged people, who weren't omnivorous, didn't seem to attach much importance to food so far as there were only few dish variations in this village. The tastes weren't bad, but if we as outsiders looked at it, we would get bored sooner or later.

There was also another reason. The croquettes that we made yesterday seemed to be quiet shocking for Zenodora and Asrad.

Zenodora cut out one of such bamboo which I wanted to use as a new ingredient and started eating it, but the disciples began to wonder when a dull sound echoed for every bite.

"Hmm... I don't think I can like this. Besides, the fine part of the bamboo remains in the mouth, so I don't like it. Is this really an ingredient?" (Zenodora)

"I certainly don't want to eat that." (Reus)

"I wonder if it will dramatically change if you bake or boil it." (Reese)

"It is true that you have to bake or cook it, but that is not the part you should eat." (Sirius)

When I looked to the bottom while replying to their questions, Hokuto, who understood the meaning, started digging the ground around the bamboo next to me.

Then, Hokuto returned after digging a hole to a certain extent. I looked at it and cut the thing that I wanted with a knife, and I showed it to everyone.

There was no need for further explanation. It was a bamboo shoot that I had seen in my previous life. (*TLN: Takenoko is bamboo shoot.*)

"What can be eaten was this sprout part. Since it is soft, you should be able to eat if you take appropriate measures." (Sirius)

"Heh... Oh yes. If this is the ingredient, our teeth will be fine." (Emilia)

"It seems to give a good feeling if we chew it." (Reese)

“Although it’s quite large, it won’t be enough with just one. Let’s split up and gather it.” (Sirius)

“Alright! I’m going to dig it!” (Reus)

“Hmm, if you dig like that, you will get hurt, right?” (Fia)

Then, all of us dug for the bamboo shoots, and I called everyone back after gathering some.

“This should be good enough. Well then, let’s go back and prepare this quickly.” (Sirius)

“Haven’t we just eaten the breakfast?” (Emilia)

“This ingredient requires a lot of treatment. Besides, there’s also a possibility that it can’t be eaten.” (Sirius)

The shape was similar to the bamboo shoots I knew, but since this was produced in a different world, it might be somehow different.

It seemed that there was no poison based on Hokuto’s reaction, so I was thinking of treating it like normal...

“Ooh? I found out that I could eat it after peeling the skin off.” (Reus)

“Hmm, this is not likely to be good. And the taste is...” (Zenodora)

“Aah, wait a sec...” (Sirius)

It might be because I was thinking of various things, I was too late to notice Reus’ and Zenodora’s actions.

Before they heard me, they took the skin of bamboo shoots off and bit it.

At that moment...

““Guhaa!?”” (Reus/Zenodora)

They intensely spewed out.

Let alone Reus, for the Dragonkin to spew it out like that... I guess the taste was terrible.

By the way, the bamboo shoots would start to produce a bitter taste the moment they were cut, and that was why those two spit out.

In order to remove the bitter taste, it was necessary to put it in the water and boiled it.

However, it should be fine to eat it immediately after harvesting in most cases. This bamboo shoot might contain a sharp and bitter taste from the very beginning.

"I wonder if it would be fine to eat it even if we remove the bitter taste." (Sirius)

"Aah, is that what you mean with treatment?" (Emilia)

"So, you can't eat as it is... right? It seems to be going to take some time, but I'm interested in the taste." (Reese)

I felt uneasy when looking at the reactions of the two who just ate it, but I tried it just to make sure.

Then, the two who were agonized with the bamboo shoots bitter taste, asked for help from Reese...

"Re-reese... give... me... water." (Reus)

"Gohuu! Gunuu... me too, please." (Zenodora)

"Yup... this is certainly a terrible taste. But, without the taste of bitterness, it would be a delicious dish." (Reese)

""Eh!?" (Reus/Zenodora)

It seemed like they were going to be alright as the two became speechless when looking at Reese who casually bit the bamboo shoot.



After that, we returned to Karen's house. I prepared a simple stove outside the house to remove the bitter taste of the bamboo shoots.

The bamboo shoots were put in a large pot and boiled with only water. I only had to adjust the temperature and since I had already prepared the other things, I remained still in front of the stove.

There were many hotpots. One of them continued to simmer with only monster bones and water inside it. Incidentally, these bones were the bones that Emilia got when dismantling monsters that looked like pigs.

At a place a bit away from me...

“Yup! Eii! Yaah!” (Karen)

“Keep going. Although it’s only a bit, I can feel that mana is gathering on the soles of your feet.” (Reus)

“Just a bit more, Karen! You’re almost there.” (Frenda)

Karen was practicing [Air Step] while being watched by Reus and Frenda.

But, no matter how many times I taught her how to do it, there was no way it was easy to kick things produced by mana. So, there were many times when Karen was only jumping on the spot.

However, the appearance of her trying so hard was pleasant to look at. It was a sight that was somehow soothing to the heart.

“Kuh... when I tried to jump quickly, I could feel that there was something on the feet...” (Karen)

“That’s because you jump too nimbly, guh! That’s why, Karen!” (Reus)

“Nimbly? Guh?” (Karen)

“...First off, you need to remember the feeling of stepping on mana with your body. If you think that you have stepped on something in the air, that means you almost got it, so remember that feeling well.” (Reus)

“Got it!” (Karen)

It seemed that Reus’ intuitive explanation wasn’t really thorough, but it worked well

for Karen.

I gave a follow up advice for Reus to Karen while adjusting the temperature and stirring the contents of the pot.

The strangely warm-hearted training continued for a while. Then, they made a break when Karen got tired.

Karen drank the water she got from Emilia as she arranged her breathing. Nevertheless, she got close to me since she was interested with my work.

“Uhhh, why are you stirring the bones? Is it edible?” (Karen)

“You mean this? It can be eaten depending on what I’m doing now, but if I continue doing this for a while, I can make a thick soup out of it.” (Sirius)

“Soup... is it delicious?” (Karen)

“It might be too thick for some, but it’s delicious. How is it?” (Sirius)

Since it was fine to leave the bamboo shoots for a while, I scooped out the lye that came out of the bones and talked to Emilia and Fia who were working next to me.

Before the two of them, there were numerous boiled bamboo shoots which had been cut into thin stripes arranged on a net.

“Yes. Our work is done.” (Emilia)

“Based on what you told us, we left it for a while to dry it. But, is it safe to eat?” (Fia)

“By doing so, the good taste will be concentrated. At the same time I would like you to circulate the air around it to speed up the drying, by asking the spirits.” (Sirius)

“I couldn’t think of asking the Wind Spirits to help drying these. It’s really like you to think of such a way.” (Fia)

“I know that it is less preferable to have them outside the battle, but is it really no good?” (Sirius)

“Well... it’s not really a problem, I think? These children don’t complain, and it seems

that they want to join in.” (Fia)

“Is that alright, Spirits?” (Sirius)

Well, I often times asked them for such things. Let me say this for the time being, I really wasn’t making fun of the Spirits.

Reese, who had been handling the meat nearby, was bitterly smiling when listening to our interaction.

“The Spirits don’t like the environments which are opposite to them, but apparently, when they let me use their power, they usually get pleased. Anyhow, they are existences who easily succumb to loneliness.” (Reese)

“Yeah there are times when they are not in a good mood, and in some cases, I feel like they behave like children.” (Fia)

“This type of conversation is really something that I can’t tell to those who believe in Spirits, huh?” (Sirius)

I guessed I could leave it to Fia without needing to worry.

After the bamboo shoots had been fully cooked, I took the pot out of the fire. I noticed Karen was coming closer with chopsticks in hand.

That reminded me that I hadn’t explained about bamboo shoots to them.

“Can it be eaten now?” (Karen)

“Not yet. We have to leave it like this until it is cooled down.” (Sirius)

Bamboo shoots weren’t only prepared through boiling. It was because the astringent taste would disappear when it was cooled down through hot steam.

It was bad for Karen who was looking forward to eating it, but by the time we could eat it, it would probably dinner.

“Then, how about the soup?” (Karen)

“Sorry, this one will take even longer. It is important to keep it like this for some time,

just like with your training. Please wait for a while.” (Sirius)

“Yeah... alright.” (Karen)

“That’s too bad...” (Frenda)

Not only Karen, I also felt sorry for Frenda who was nearby.

It seemed that the mother and child became depressed side by side, but it was a sight that reminded me of a certain wife with cat ears.

It seemed that various details were starting to appear. This might be because they were beginning to accept us here.



So, the dinner of that day was composed of dishes made with bamboo shoots.

The variety of dishes was smaller such as eating the boiled bamboo shoots as it was or preparing it with the seasonings that we had. However, the bamboo shoots itself seemed to be popular.

The ingredient seemed to fit the tastes of the winged people as their hands reached the bamboo shoots again and again.

“Is this coming from the long and thin tree? Isn’t this delicious?” (Debra)

“It has a subtle feeling when chewing it. I have to tell everyone about it soon.” (Frenda)

“It’s delicious!” (Karen)

Although they did farming, the Dragonkin gathered ingredients from the surrounding forests. So, they only thought bamboo as a strange tree.

On the other hand, Zenodora was puzzled with the meal. That might be due to him eating the bamboo shoots before treatment. However, looking at the reaction of everyone, his expression changed and he ate a bite.

“Ooh... the bitter taste has changed this much, huh? You should eat this too, Jii-san.” (Zenodora)

“...I don’t want!” (Asrad)

Next to Zenodora was Asrad. He came here too because he heard that there was a new ingredient, but the moment he knew that the ingredient was the bamboo shoots... he began to refuse immediately.

“I don’t need it! I’m sorry because you have prepared this, but I don’t like it.” (Asrad)

“Why are you talking like a child? Just endure and eat it–...” (Zenodora)

“Don’t want!” (Asrad)

“As-Jii, it’s delicious, you know?” (Karen)

“Kuhh... even so, it’s impossible. It’s good enough if there is a croquette.” (Asrad)

“Asrad-san, what’s wrong?” (Fia)

While thinking about croquettes with great relish, Asrad started talking about the past with distant eyes.

Long time ago, Asrad found the bamboo shoots by chance when he was still young. Then, he ate the whole thing out of curiosity, but it seemed he experience suffering as he became scared of meal for a while due to too much bitter taste.

This might be exaggerated, but Reus and Zenodora both suffered after only eating a single bite of something. It was normal not to like it, if one ate the whole thing raw.

“Are there any more croquettes left? I would like to eat more.” (Asrad)

“What a selfish Jii-san. Where are your manners while having the meal?” (Zenodora)

“I also want to eat croquettes!” (Karen)

“Look, Karen also wants it. I’ll prepare the reward later, so can you make more of this?” (Asrad)

“Where is your pride as the chief?” (Zenodora)

“Now, now. If it is croquette, there are still more. Please calm down. Emilia.” (Sirius)

“Yes. I will prepare it soon.” (Emilia)

I was planning to use them for tomorrow’s breakfast, but it couldn’t be helped since he asked for it so much.

Besides... I wanted to return the favor to Asrad even a little.



Several days had passed as I taught Karen magic and worked on new dishes.

At that time, the other winged people began to get used to us. Although it was only a bit, they were somewhat able to talk with us naturally. In addition to being recognized by Asrad for rescuing Karen, the spreading of new ingredients with Frenda and Debra as the intermediaries proved successful.

Since my right arm had already completely healed, I finished the morning training at the usual time. Then, I went to a small hut built next to Karen’s house.

“...Alright. I wonder if it would be enough to cook it together with only these?” (Sirius)

When I open the lid of a pot that kept boiling a variety of ingredients including bones over a day, a thick smell spread to the surroundings. As the disciples were drawn to the smell, they came to me and curiously looked into the pot.

“Ooh... what an amazing smell.” (Reus)

“Sirius-sama. Has it been completed?” (Emilia)

“The soup is now complete. After this, it depend on the situation outside.” (Sirius)

Then, I also confirmed the net on the outside of the hut, and the things here had dried as well.

I forgot how to prepare fermented sliced bamboo shoots, but I finally succeeded by repeating trial and error. *(TLN: Menma is fermented bamboo shoots)*

Now that everything was prepared, I declared to the disciples.

“Everyone, sorry to keep you waiting.” (Sirius)

“Finally...!” (Emilia)

“It’s a new cuisine, Aniki!” (Reus)

“Yes. With this, I can make a Tonkotsu Ramen!” (Sirius) *(TLN: Pork bones ramen)*

It was a bit awkward to call it Tonkotsu because the bones were coming from the monsters that looked like a pig, but... the taste was close, so it was all good.

I had made various noodle dishes until now, but this was my first time trying to make a genuine Tonkotsu Ramen.

Previously I was also lacking other ingredients, but all of that was solved after coming to this village.

“It’s dry and thick, isn’t it? Are this the bamboo shoots you prepared before?” (Fia)

“I will soak it in hot water and put it into the soup together with ramen. I will make it for today’s lunch, so we have to start preparing immediately.” (Sirius)

“Put it in the hot water? I don’t really get it, but will it change so much after drying?” (Fia)

“Well, look forward to it. Incidentally, the name of the dish is set because of the fermented bamboo shoots and this condition.” (Sirius)

I didn’t want to call it Ramen without the fermented bamboo shoots.

Although this was my personal fixation, I wasn’t only trying to reproduce the taste of the dishes of my previous life as much as possible, I was also considering the ingredients used.

There was also a possibility that the bamboo shoots weren’t suitable to be fermented, but that was needless worry.

Since other ingredients such as roasted pork fillet had already been prepared, I would be on time for lunch if I started making it now.

“Alright, I suppose we will finish it from here at once. Emilia!” (Sirius)

“Yes!” (Emilia)

It was worth going through all the trouble of building a hut next to Karen’s house in order not to fill their kitchen.

When I was hitting noodles with the flour prepared by Emilia, Karen, who came together with Frenda, was tilting the head while looking at me.

“Onii-san looks somehow happy, isn’t it?” (Karen)

“Hmm? This is also a happiness. If you are able to accomplish it by yourself, anyone would be happy, right?” (Sirius)

“...Yeah.” (Karen)

However, Karen’s expression was a bit dark.

She had been training for several days, but she still hadn’t succeed doing the [Air Step].

It was possible for her to create a foothold and stay in the air a little, but she couldn’t leap forward. What she was lacking wasn’t the magic, but the techniques related to physical strength. So, Karen couldn’t easily do it because she hadn’t done any intense physical training until now.

In short, Karen was hitting a slight wall.

She started worrying too early since she could use the [Impact] and [String] magic that I taught her in a very short time.

I stopped hitting the noodles. I looked at Karen who was somewhat impatient, as I could see from her eyes.

“Karen. I’ve said this earlier, but I thought the dish was going to be made a bit more complete.” (Sirius)

“That is why you were happy, right?” (Karen)

“Yes. By the way, do you remember how many times I failed to complete this dish?” (Sirius)

“Uhm... three times. The taste was strange, or it didn’t have good smell... Onii-san, I’m very sorry.” (Karen)

Yes... I had failed three times already before this soup was completed.

The taste was too strong, and there was a fishy smell that I couldn’t remove. I repeatedly tried while having bitter thoughts. It was because I had confidence with this incomplete dish.

Looking at such a sight next to me, I told Karen so that she could remember these details firmly.

“In other words, I also make mistakes. But even so, I keep repeating without giving up, and this is the result of grasping the trick of doing it. Isn’t this matter applicable to magic too?” (Sirius)

“...Yeah.” (Karen)

“Reus also had it similar. It took him quite some time before he could use [Air Step]. So, you have to be patient, Karen. Look, don’t think of the bad things. We’ll eat this and you will feel better.” (Sirius)

When I fed her a piece of fermented bamboo shoots that had been soaked in hot water, she begged to have more with glittering eyes.

She became dispirited when I told her to wait until lunchtime, but after I did this, the kids in the house wouldn’t shut their mouths.

Since they were lining up with Reese as the leader, I ended up feeding everyone with a piece of fermented bamboo shoots.

“This is pretty similar to bamboo shoots but different... what a mysterious texture.” (Reese)

“Ramen is delicious, but this is also delicious!” (Reus)

“It’s a taste that also goes well with rice. Perhaps, I should eat more...” (Emilia)

“Yeah, it isn’t just a mere change of the name. Isn’t this pretty tasty?” (Fia)

“The size became a bit smaller, but the taste is acceptable, right? Aah, Frenda-san, do you also want it?” (Sirius)

“Eh, yes. Well, let me have it please.” (Frenda)

Although Frenda looked somewhat absentminded, her eyes glittered like Karen’s as she ate the fermented bamboo shoots.

She listened to me while watching Karen whose expression was a little softened. Then, I resume the preparation of the noodles again.



With the help from everyone, we prepared noodles and ingredients in large quantity. Not only Zenodora and Asrad, we also called Mejia and the three dragons and this became the debut of the Tonkotsu Ramen.

I hadn’t met Mejia for a while, but the harsh look he had when we met at the beginning had disappeared, and he looked calm.

Because we suddenly called them over, the Dragonkin were curiously looking the Ramen put in front of them, but when they had a sip of the soup, they closed their eyes, and let out a deep sigh.

“This is... good!” (Mejia)

“Yes. It feels like eating a good amount of meat.” (Zenodora)

“““It’s delicious.””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

“Hmm... it’s brilliant. Croquettes were delicious, but this is no less than that!” (Asrad)

Maybe because they were Dragonkin, but I thought that it was to be expected for them to be able to casually drink the hot soup without burning their tongues.

But...

“You should eat the ramen together with the soup, alright.” (Sirius)

“Even if it’s thin? It’s hard, but there is no help.” (Mejia)

“I want more please.” (Reese)

“Aniki, I want more!” (Reus)

“Onii-san, me too!” (Karen)

“Yes, yes. Please wait until it is completely boiled.” (Sirius)

Since this was an experiment, there was a limited amount of the soup. For that reason, I would prefer them to eat the additional serving of noodles.

It seemed to be hard for them to eat with the fork except for the disciples, but since everyone was asking second helpings one after another, it became difficult to even boil the noodles.

Meanwhile, the one who like the Tonkotsu Ramen most among the Dragonkin, Asrad, asked for another helping.

“The noodles are good but this small and chewy ingredient is also delicious. Can you give me more of this?” (Asrad)

“I’m fine with it, but are you sure?” (Sirius)

“What do you mean?” (Asrad)

“It is called fermented bamboo shoots, and of course it is made from the bamboo shoots that Asrad-dono dislikes.” (Sirius)

“...” (Asrad)

At that time, Asrad had a difficult expression, but he seemed to be fine because let alone the soup, he beautifully finished eating the fermented bamboo shoots too.

In this way, the new dish was accepted by everyone, and I was satisfied with the result.



However, as things continued...

[By the way, Sirius. I would like you to teach the way to make Tonkotsu Ramen to these

dragons.] (Asrad)

“...” (Sirius)

In the morning of the next day, when I was wondering why I was called by Asrad, not only were Zenodora and Mejia, who were in their dragon from, standing in front of me, there were many young Dragonkin who I met for the first time.

[Hmm... I do understand your feelings by looking at the complicated expression on your face. But, this morning, I had no choice but to tell them that you are the main person who knows the way to make Tonkotsu Ramen. Indeed I was also amazed, but it's not that I don't understand your feeling, alright.] (Asrad)

[I feel bad, but I also have to agree. After all, I want to eat it again.] (Zenodora)

[[[[Please treat us well!]]]] (Dragonkin)

Yesterday, it was Asrad who returned home with a complex feeling, but it seemed he became fond of Ramen in spite of that.

The duration of our stay in this village was likely going to be longer.



The Morning of Hokuto.

“““Hiii-hiiii—!?””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

“Run, if you have time to cry! If you fail to run away from the happy Hokuto-san, you'll be knocked down immediately!” (Reus)

On that day, Hokuto-kun was chasing Reus-kun and the three dragons for the morning training.

No... he wasn't chasing them, this was totally hunting them. If they got caught, they would fall prey to Hokuto-kun's paw pressure.

“He-hey, Karen-chan! Don't fall asleep in such a place!” (Reese)

“Yeah... that’s not good. She is not going to wake up in this situation, isn’t she? Hey, Hokuto. Can you come here for a bit?” (Fia)

“Woof?” (Hokuto)

With that, Hokuto suddenly stop hunting (while still looking at Reus and the three dragons), and ran towards Fia-san.

By the way, Hokuto-kun acknowledged Fia-san as a person who supported the Master. It seemed that he trusted her like a comrade in arms.

“Since Karen is unable to continue training, could you bring her to her house? We are still in the middle of training and we’re a bit away from the house.” (Fia)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

When Hokuto-san barked as if to say to leave the matter to him, Reus-kun and the three dragons could be seen resting.

Apparently, the training was temporarily stopped because Hokuto had to bring Karen home.

Hokuto-kun didn’t remember telling them that it was a break time, so while having soft heart...

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Eh!? No... but that...” (Reus)

“Wh-what!?” (Eye)

“He looks somewhat angry...” (Kuva)

“What did Hokuto-sama say!?” (Rai)

“He said this is good handicap! He won’t let Karen fall, and he will go at us with full power...” (Reus)

“““He’s coming!?””” (Eye/Kuva/Rai)

With a fearless smile, Hokuto-kun was charging ahead.

“Nuooooaahh-!?” (Eye)

“Wh-why he’s doing it while carrying Karen-!?” (Kuva)

“He become faster... aargghh-!” (Rai)

“Listen, we need to run! Even if he is in that state, he will show no mercy!” (Reus)

In this way, the hunting (which seemed to be real from other people’s view) continued until the Master arrived.



Extra/Bonus

Oh my... how is Hokuto?

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Congratulations, Hokuto had evolved into Hokuto (with wings).

The attack power and maneuverability had gone down.

The appearance and the male adventurous spirit had gone up.

With the (Karen’s) wings attached, it cost him more food.

Chapter 144

The Determination

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Half a month had passed since we arrived in the winged people's village.

I was quite busy every day. Other than learning the way of life of the people in this area, I also trained myself while training Karen. Also, I opened a cooking class for the winged people and Dragonkin who wanted to learn.

Even today, I brought Emilia with me and we were teaching the winged people and the Dragonkin who were in their human form.

At first, it was only the Tonkotsu Ramen, but now, including croquette, I also taught other dishes that could be made in this village.

"In this way, you can smack the meat by using left and right hands." (Emilia)

"If you neglect doing this when preparing hamburger, the inside air will not come out, and it can not be grilled deliciously. Based on her example, try it over and over again to learn it with your body." (Sirius)

"Hmmm... this is difficult with our strength." (Dragonkin)

"This preparation is the stage for us, the winged people. Should the Dragonkin focus on adjusting the fire and the pot?" (Winged Person)

"But, they shouldn't depend on you guys. Anyways, you can get used to this by doing it many times over." (Sirius)

With the strength of Dragonkin, it seemed that the process of removing the air within the hamburger patties was difficult. If the strength was too strong, the patty would be completely crushed when they caught it with the opposite hand.

Even so, I quietly nodded when looking at the Dragonkin who attempted it and the

winged people who made adjustment according to my instructions.

“If you can do until that level, you’ll be fine even if I’m not here.” (Emilia)

“Yes. I can’t do it like Sirius-kun, but I managed somehow.” (Winged Person)

“If you can make it until that point, the Chief will not complaint. He will be grateful, you know.” (Sirius)

When I started teaching cooking, I was nervous and felt stiff, but now, I could show a natural smile.

I didn’t worry too much because the winged people resembled human, but the scenes where the Dragonkin with the characteristics of a dragon shaped the meat and removed the lye from the pot were surreal.

After the cooking class for today ended, I returned to Karen’s house. She was training while being watched by the disciples and Frenda.

“Yahh! Haah!” (Karen)

“That’s good, Karen. Don’t stop, alright.” (Emilia)

“Good luck, Karen-chan!” (Reese)

“Karen, just a bit more!” (Frenda)

Thanks to the training which was repeated every morning since that day, Karen finally was able to use [Air Step].

However, since Karen’s internal mana reserve wasn’t that great, at present time she could only do several steps.

Not only was the movement awkward, she was about to lose balance many times, but after firmly kicking the air for five steps, she leaped into the bosom of Frenda who was standing there.

Since she was leaping forward without killing the momentum, Frenda was unable to support herself and she seemed to be falling to the back, but Hokuto stuck out his paw to become a cushion, so it didn’t become a major incident. As always, he did a good job.

“Hah... haa... did you see that, Okaa-san?” (Karen)

“Yes, that was amazing, Karen. You have achieved five steps today!” (Frenda)

Not only Karen, who had her head stroked while being hugged, Frenda also was happily laughing.

When I saw that Frenda praised Karen every time she succeeded, it made me think that they were truly a pair of mother and daughter. I didn't see the praises being done in excess, but Frenda filled the role as a mother and a father, but perhaps, it was because Karen was a cute daughter.

When I closely looked at them, Karen noticed that I had returned and ran to me.

“Did you see, did Onii-san see that?” (Karen)

“Yes, I saw it for sure. You got better, Karen.” (Sirius)

When I stroked Karen as she got close to me, she was happily laughing while flapping her wings.

I was feeling nostalgic looking at her appearance that so closely resembled the appearance of the siblings in the past. When I confirmed her physical condition, there were signs of mana exhaustion.

“But, you better get some rest. Since I'm done with my work, why don't we take a break together?” (Sirius)

“Yeah! So...” (Karen)

“Aah, it's alright, of course. I'll wait here.” (Sirius)

“Wait for me!” (Karen)

Although Karen should be tired, she ran fast and brought a book back with her. I had a nearby tree as a backrest, and then, she got on my lap.

Karen recently liked to read books in this way, and that was the reason she brought the book back.

“Uhm, are there plenty of fish in this big lake?” (Karen)

“Not just a lot, there were also many wonderful fishes. There was a fish whose whole body was soft and it had eight legs. There was also a fish bigger than Hokuto.” (sirius)

“Bigger than Hokuto!? Let alone As-jii, even I feel hungry!” (Karen)

The page Karen opened was about the Lake Deine. It was a huge lake that sustained the towns of Romanio and Parade. We already went there once before arriving here.

This book was written by Karen’s father, Beat. He also wrote about other things, such as mysterious events and rumors he experienced during the journey around the world and also the impressions he retained.

When I read Karen’s treasured books, which belonged to her father, for the first time, it was clear that he liked to travel around, since the author himself was very curious.

Karen’s curiosity being strong was surely because she was influenced by these books. This girl seemed to have inherited the father’s blood strongly.

There were several books left to be read. Although most of its contents were new to me, I noticed that some of the places mentioned in the books I read, were actually places that we had been.

So, when I told her that, Karen asked about those places in detail with shining eyes.

Since then, the occasions where we read the book together multiplied, and we were supposed to do it during breaks, just like now.

“So, have you seen this?” (Karen)

“Sorry, I haven’t.” (Sirius)

“I know that one. This is a place where I have been to before I met Sirius. Would you like to hear?” (Fia)

“Yes!” (Karen)

“Aah, this here is a place I’ve heard about from Kaa-san. I want to go there even once.” (Sirius)

“Me too!” (Karen)

Karen seemed to enjoy acquiring new knowledge and imagining the stories heard from us.

That was why I also had fun teaching her, but... there was one thing on my mind.

“Karen. Your wings... just a bit... alright.” (Sirius)

“Uhm, what is this?” (Karen)

...She didn't listen.

Karen naturally flapped her wings when she got excited, and the wings hit my face many times like just now. The wings were very soft, so it didn't hurt, but my nose couldn't easily deal with it.

However, since reminding her of it would be like pouring cold water over her good mood, I had to be patient while reading it to her. Reus was nodding with a smile.

“Aniki is like Karen's Tou-chan.” (Reus)

“Stop it, Reus.” (Reese)

“Aah... sorry.” (Reus)

Such a topic should be avoided in front of Karen who had lost her father before she was born.

Reus, who got it pointed out from Reese, soon closed his mouth. Fortunately, it seemed that Karen didn't realize it because she was absorbed in the book.

While everyone let out a breath of relieve, I turned around and stroked Karen's head with a carefree smile.



After Karen's training was over, I came to the cave where I met Asrad for the first time.

Originally, it was a place that I couldn't enter unless I came together with Zenodora or

the representative of the Dragonkin, but it was no problem now since I had the permission from Asrad, who was the chief of the Dragonkin.

As I was going into the cave that was lit by shining ores for a distance, I could see Asrad in his dragon form and he was scraping rocks in the hall.

[Hmm, is that you? I heard today is the last day of the cooking class, so how are they?]
(Asrad)

“They are good. They understood the basics well enough. After this, it all depends on their hard work. Leaving that matter aside, do you mind if I request that today too?”
(Sirius)

[Hmm, I want to say that you are asking the usual thing, but... it’s rather unusual. So, you are alone today?] (Asrad)

“I do have a reason. That is...” (Sirius)

Since I saved Karen and brought new ingredients and dishes to the village, he would divide the ore and gems that came out when he dug the cave as a thank you.

It was fascinating because there were quite big gems too, but the thing that I was most happy about, was that there were also manastones.

Even if it was just a single piece, it was worth several gold coins. These stones held no great value for the Dragonkin because they didn’t need to use them, so there was a considerable amount remaining in the cave.

Since I got the permission that I could take as much as I liked, I used them for experiments and to create new magic tools.

Usually, I would return immediately as soon as I put some manastones into the bag I brought, but there was something else I wanted today, so I talked to Asrad.

“Asrad-sama. Today, I also took some of these gems.” (Sirius)

[Hmm, why is that so suddenly? Weren’t you interested in what you got so far?]
(Asrad)

“Actually, I have something I want to make with these.” (Sirius)

[Hou, what do you want to make?] (Asrad)

Asrad didn't stop digging rocks until now, but he stopped his hands as he listened to me.

Asrad was probably doing this as a hobby, looking at all those stone statues and accessories in this cave.

He brought his face closer as if to say he was curious, and when I confirmed that nobody was around, I told him the reason.

[...I see. That's why you came alone.] (Asrad)

"Well, I've got a few gems here-..." (Sirius)

[No! I can't give that easily knowing the Story!] (Asrad)

"...I think this is a good setting to give it comfortably, isn't it?" (Sirius)

[That may be true, but when I think about your plan, there is no way I can give in easily. If you want it, get it with your own strength!] (Asrad)

"It's troubling when you are this childish!" (Sirius)

After that, we left the cave and I had a fist fight with Asrad who changed to his human form.

I confirmed this later but it seemed that Asrad wanted to fight me once because I fought Mejia and he was somehow jealous of his fight with me.

That was why it wasn't serious and half of the fight was filled with jests. However, even if this was a joke, the opponent was the chief of the Dragonkin, so it became an uproar which gathered the Dragonkin and winged people who lived in the village.



As a result, the victory was decided with a right uppercut on Asrad, and I acquired the desired gems a few days later.

Finally, I was able to make the things that I wanted to make. On the night of the same

day, I invited Emilia, Reese and Fia for a night walk.

“Haa... the stars are beautiful, aren’t they?” (Emilia)

“Yes, it feels like the sky is very close.” (Reese)

“Although I have gone to various places, this area is particularly beautiful, right?” (Fia)

“The air is fresh since we are at a higher altitude. It is a great place to see stars.” (Sirius)

Under the stars on the whole sky, I aimlessly walked in the village together with the ladies who seemed delighted.

Then, when we came to a small hill a bit away from the village, Fia, who was walking in front, turned around with a gentle look.

“So, what’s going on? I’m glad that you invited us for night walk, but do you have something to talk with us?” (Fia)

“As I expected, you noticed that, huh?” (Sirius)

“Yes. Usually if you take a walk, Reus and Hokuto will also come along, but we’re the only ones here.” (Fia)

“Could it be that you are worried about something?” (Emilia)

If this was a normal walk, Hokuto might not stay silent, but it wasn’t like I was trying to push him away.

I explained it to Reus and Hokuto in advance, and I told them to wait in Karen’s house.

They looked worried because they misunderstood that it was something serious, but I laughed saying that they got it wrong.

“It is... not about that. I have something I would like to discuss from now on.” (Sirius)

“If you are discussing, with everyone together–... aah, is this related to Reus?” (Reese)

“Did that boy do something again?” (Fia)

“First, I want you all to listen to me, including the circumstances around us.” (Sirius)

Accordingly, I came in front of them, and started talking after looking at Karen’s house.

“Actually, I’m thinking to leave this village soon.” (Sirius)

“Aah...” (Fia)

“Is it... that time?” (Emilia)

The cooking class was already finished, and Frenda’s physical condition was also healthy.

Since Karen was taught about the foundation of magic, if she continued training by her own discretion, in the future, she would achieve top class strength among the winged people.

I already knew enough about the way of living here, and to be honest, we almost had no reason staying here...

“I wonder... if it’s alright to stay a bit longer.” (Fia)

“I would like to do so, but it seems that the intercontinental meeting ‘Legendia’ is about to start. It’s not like we don’t have extra time, but I want to arrive there early to prepare for any unexpected events.” (Sirius)

The ‘Legendia’, which would be held in Sandor Country in a few months, would gather kings and leaders of major countries on each continent. It was like a world conference where they exchanged information with each other.

Since Sandor country was said to be the largest country in this world, I’d wanted to go there at last once, though it seemed to be troublesome if we went there at such a time.

But if we went there at the same time with the ‘Legendia’, Reese could see her family for the first time in a while because Elysion’s Princess Lifell and King Cardeas were also coming.

It looked like they were convinced with my words, but as I expected, they became concern about something.

“Could this be a farewell to Karen-chan?” (Emilia)

“Even though it was hard to gain a cute younger sister...” (Sirius)

“Aah yes. Karen was interested in the outside world, right? Why don’t we try to invite her to join us on our trip?” (Fia)

I thought Fia was joking, but if I nodded, she seemed to be going to invite her for real.

Whether it was because we traveled together once, everyone seemed to be attached to Karen. She had distinctive personality, but she had a charm that one couldn’t see everywhere.

To be honest, there was also the matter of being non attribute. I also had a lot more to teach her, but there was no other choice.

“It’s not that I don’t understand your feelings, but I can’t bring myself to separate Karen from her mother.” (Sirius)

“Yes. After all, children are best to stay with their parents.” (Emilia)

“Yes. I know, but it is somehow difficult.” (Reese)

It would be sad to part with Karen, so Reese, who might meet with her family at the ‘Legendia’, showed a bitter expression.

When I lightly stroked her head to comfort her, the expression got a bit better, but it was still harsh.

“Can I... say farewell with a smile?” (Reese)

“It hurts me when she cried.” (Emilia)

“I agree, but it is necessary for us adults to have patience. Let’s not forget to smile at least.” (Fia)

“Fia is right. If we have that in mind, we will come here again. So, at least let’s smile before we leave.” (Sirius)

I’d already explained this situation to Reus and Hokuto and they consented.

Even if we had regrets, we were all agreeing. Tomorrow, I would talk about this to Frenda and Asrad.

Next was...

“Actually, I have one more thing to say. This is still about the talk earlier. After the ‘Legendia’ in Sandor... I am planning to return to the Melifest Continent for the moment.” (Sirius)

“That’s fine. I can meet Onee-chan and the others for the first time in a while.” (Emilia)

“A year has passed since last time, and they are supposed to have second child, right?” (Reese)

“Oh my. I guess we can see a baby. I have never met them before, so I have to go and say hello.” (Fia)

Although it might change depending on future situations, it seemed that there was no objection to go back to the Melifest Continent.

However, what really matters were from here on.

I slowly turned around while bracing myself. Then, I was face to face with the ladies.

“We will be going back to the Melifest continent, and then, we will meet with Noel. After visiting Kaa-san’s grave... I am thinking about holding a wedding at Elysion.” (Sirius)

“...Eh?” (Emilia)

“That is... could it be...” (Fia)

“Wedding...? Eh, uhmmm... but Nee-sama and Melt-san haven’t...” (Reese)

“It’s our wedding.” (Sirius)

Our relationship as lovers... it was a relationship that I promised for the future, but because of the circumstances of traveling, I didn’t say much about marriage.

For people in this world, a wedding wasn’t a necessity, because they thought of it as

one of the political instruments of nobles to get connections, rather than making it widely known.

Actually, I was envious when I was invited to the wedding of Reus' friend in the past, and the ladies also said that they wanted to have it. I was satisfied just being together with each other, and I would like to have a child with Fia first.

From other people's view, we were already like couples, so it would be rude to them if I didn't do anything.

I was already at age that I could get married, and for this occasion, I would like to gather acquaintances and had a grand wedding because I have decided to become known as married couples.

"Emilia. Reese. Fia. Can you... give me your left hand?" (Sirius)

In front of them who were stunned when hearing about marriage, I took out the rings I made in the past few days from my pocket.

And then, I put the rings with silver, blue and green jewels on their ring fingers, and I clearly said, while looking at them one by one:

"Emilia. I really appreciate you because you always support me." (Sirius)

"Sirius-sama..." (Emilia)

"And I also want you to support me from now on. Not as an attendant, but as my wife." (Sirius)

"Aa... aah..." (Emilia)

Emilia, who listened to my proposal, started crying as though she was overcome with emotions, so I probably wouldn't hear the reply.

Even if the tears overflowed, she was smiling happily.

"Are-are you sure? I... oh yes! I can eat a lot, right!? Besides, I'm not good at fighting unlike Sirius-san and everyone else, so I may be a bother..." (Reese)

"I also like to see Reese eating a lot, and I know well enough that you aren't good at

fighting. I also like the part where you are not good at, and I still want to be with you.” (Sirius)

“I am also... the same. I also like the part where Sirius-san always watching over us gently.” (Reese)

“Thank you. Reese, would you marry me?” (Sirius)

“...Yes, gladly.” (Reese)

Reese had her faced dyed in red, but she firmly nodded while caressing the ring she got from me.

Next was Fia only, but although it was only a bit, she was smiling bitterly. Well, that was probably to be expected.

“I never imagined that you would propose to everyone together.” (Fia)

“I’m sorry. Truthfully, I would like to invite you all one by one, but...” (Sirius)

However, I felt like I would be giving special attention to order of the ladies, so I didn’t like it. Oh well, if I didn’t know the merits of the ladies, I wouldn’t propose like this.

That was why I felt a bit guilty, but Fia, who had a bitter smile, laughed while narrowing her eyes.

“I don’t need you to say more than that. We properly understand your feelings.” (Fia)

“...Thank you. It might be bad after all this time, but let me say it again: Fia... please become my wife.” (Sirius)

“Yes, I have been waiting those words forever. Please take care of me from now on, Sirius.” (Fia)

Fia nodded while her eyes were a bit moist. She hugged my arm and looked into my eyes while saying something more.

“We are somehow concerned, but it’s alright because we are satisfied. Please love us equally, and respond to us properly.” (Fia)

“I am the same as Fia-san. Rather than as a lover or attendant, there is no greater happiness than being loved as a wife!” (Emilia)

“In this way, we will become a real family!” (Reese)

As soon as the proposal to everyone was over, Emilia and Reese also jumped into my chest. While being closely hugged like being wrapped up, I vowed this not to the ladies, but to myself:

“There will be considerable hardships during traveling, but from now on, I will keep protecting you all. So, please stay with me forever.” (Sirius)

“Come on... there were certainly troublesome matters, but I don't remember regretting being together with you. Just be yourself.” (Fia)

“Yeah. We have no intention to be... wives that need to be protected!” (Reese)

“From here on, we will always support Sirius-sama.” (Emilia)

Truthfully, those encouraging words coming from the lovers... no, I meant from my wives.



The next day after nervously proposing and confirming each others' feelings... I was at Karen's house, facing Frenda across the table.

The disciples were watching Karen's training outside, and since Debra had to leave because of some errands, it was only me and Frenda at home right now.

“Sirius-kun. I heard you have something to say. What is it about?” (Frenda)

“Actually, I'm thinking of going back to traveling soon.” (Sirius)

“I see... the time has come.” (Frenda)

I guessed she was expecting this somehow. Frenda let out a breath as if she had regrets while looking at the window.

I was also influenced and turned around. Outside of the window, I could see Karen

who was training with the disciples. Frenda was attentively watching her daughter who was having hard time but had a fulfilled expression at the same time.

“What do you think about Karen’s magic talent?” (Frenda)

“To be honest, I’m looking forward to the future of that girl. She’s a hardworking person, and maybe because of her strong curiosity, she is good at imagining. Plus, her talent in magic is very high.” (Sirius)

“Ehehe... I’m glad.” (Frenda)

Before Frenda met us, she thought that Karen had no talent in magic because she didn’t know that her aptitude attribute was non attribute. But she looked really happy now.

“I have taught her almost all the magic the current Karen can use. She understood the know-how of magic, so I think that she will become stronger.” (Sirius)

“There are still magics to be taught yet?” (Frenda)

“Yes, but it’s too early for Karen to learn them. Since I am traveling I also need strong magics, but those can’t be use carelessly.” (Sirius)

I didn’t teach Karen the kind of magic that uses the image of arms of my previous life. These magics could easily take people’s lives.

By the way, because of the distance Karen saw the [Magnum] I shot at Mejia as a powerful [Impact].

However, no matter what kind of magic it was, it would eventually depend on the user.

Besides, it also served as a powerful self-defense measure against monsters. Even though I left a memo about [Magnum] only, I was planning to ask Zenodora to hand it to Karen when she had grown up.

“...Thank you. You are even considering this matter up to that extent.” (Frenda)

“It is because Karen is a child who is truly worth teaching. That girl asked for it, so I responded... that is it.” (Sirius)

Although it was a coincidence meeting, I got to do just what I wanted to do.

More than that, I thought that Frenda, who raised Karen well even though she lost her husband, was a splendid person.

Frenda smiled at my words, but eventually, she looked at me with a serious expression.

“Say, Sirius-kun, you were not only saving our lives, you have done a lot of things for my daughter as well, and I really appreciate that.” (Frenda)

“Please don’t worry about it. We are also grateful because you allow us to live in this house.” (Sirius)

“That kind of thing is definitely not enough. I don’t know how to return the favor anymore, but... I have something I would like to request from you, Sirius-kun.” (Frenda)

“...Tell me.” (Sirius)

It was a very short relationship, but Frenda was sincere. I understood that she didn’t feel comfortable because she couldn’t return the favor.

However, to earnestly request for something, it must be something important.

Her words stopped for a moment. After confirming that I nodded, she told me with a determined expression.

“My daughter... Karen... I would like you to bring her along on your journey.” (Frenda)



Extra/Bonus – Kabedon

“Although everyone didn’t mind, I wanted him to call us one by one and propose to us.” (Fia)

“I’m probably... fine with this. It’s just that, if it’s only me and him, I’ll be embarrassed and probably can’t say anything...” (Reese)

“Yes, that would be difficult.” (Emilia)

“Say... Nee-chan. Why do I have to be here?” (Reus)

“You are not used to women yet. Listen to our talks and study, even if it’s just a bit.” (Emilia)

“Ouh, got it. By the way, I heard from Aniki’s Shishou that women will fall in love easily if a ‘Kabedon’ is done to them.” (Reus)

“‘Kabedon’?” (Emilia)

“‘Kabe’...is it about a wall?” (Reese)

“And the part of the ‘Don’ is... it that? I mean to show women the ability to destroy a stone wall?” (Fia)

“You got it wrong, Nee-chan. When it is about Aniki, the ‘Don’ is... decided with cooking, right?” (Reus)

“Aah!? It’s similar to the Katsudon, isn’t it?” (Emilia)

“I see. So, ‘Donburi’ will make women fall in love easily... is it that?” (Reese) *(TLN: Donburi is rice bowl dishes.)*

“That is something that can’t be overlooked.” (Fia)

“By the way, Aniki. I want Kabedon!” (Reus)

“...Haa?” (Sirius)



Hokuto Saw You

In a dark room, there were five men sitting at a round table which was lit with only a lamp.

“Well, let’s start the meeting.” (??)

In a rigid atmosphere, the first voice that came out was from Cardeas, the king of Elysion country.

The king, who had a serious look, chaired the meeting while looking over the people who sat at the table.

“If there is no objection, I will be the chairman... is that alright?” (Cardeas)

“I don’t have problem with that, but...” (??)

“Aah. What is this meeting all about?” (??)

When the Silver Wolfkin siblings’ Ojii-san, and the Elf-nee-chan’s father asked questions while tilting their heads, the Elysion King answered while hitting the table with a fist.

“Of course, this is about my daughter! She has decided to be with that man!” (Cardeas)

“He took away my cute granddaughter. There is no way I can forgive him!” (Lior)

“Yeah! That idiot!” (Grant)

“No, Emilia is my granddaughter though...” (Garve)

Although there was no blood relationship, the Strongest Sword fell head over heels in love with Emilia, and the old blacksmith of Elysion joined in, but it didn’t really matter.

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Of course, Hokuto was also not related, but... that didn’t matter.

The Elysion King explained to the Elf father, and the siblings’ Ojii-san who didn’t comprehend the situation.

“To sum up, it is necessary to confirm if that man is worth for my daughter, you know.” (Cardeas)

“I don’t really mind if it is him.” (Garve)

“Yes. Besides, I want to respect my daughter’s will.” (Fia’s Father)

“Don’t you think that you are too easygoing in this matter? Your daughter and your granddaughter also belong to that man!” (Cardeas)

“Yes, that’s right! Emilia is my granddaughter!” (Lior)

“That’s not an argument, you idiot!” (Garve)

“I told you, Emilia is my granddaughter...” (Garve)

“So, from now on, we will push that man to the lowest! Everyone, we’ll continue this meeting later!” (Cardeas)

“Nuuoooo!!” (Lior)

“You idiottt!” (Grant)

“...Woof.” (Hokuto)

– The preview of the next installment –

The old men (two of them got caught up) were getting closer to Sirius.

The unreasonable desire of the fathers, who had the thought of monopolizing their daughter and grandchild, was absurd. As expected, Sirius wouldn’t be able to escape from them easily.

Later... this was secretly told by a certain white wolf, but the old men knelt before their daughter and granddaughter... Please look forward to it!

✂Nope, it didn’t happen. (Author)

As a side story...

The words spoken by Hokuto on the last scene...

‘I’ll be... the police officer for these guys.’

Chapter 145

The Things a Mother Can Do

— Frenda —

The first time I met my husband was a few years ago, and... that was in the forest away from the village.

On that day, I couldn't really find the edible wild plants that I usually got. Then, when I got far away from the village... I met five people.

I was told to run away immediately if I met Human, but I became scared by the greedy look of the Human who I felt for the first time and I fell down on the spot. It took me a lot of time and effort to escape by flying away.

Taking that opportunity, the Human shot arrows. I reflexively closed my eyes, but it was strange that there was no pain.

Why...

[Guh!? What are you guys doing!?] (??)

On that spur of that moment, one of the Human jumped out before me. He was protecting me with his body.

Even when he received arrows at the foot and on the flank, the one who yelled to the rest of the Human was... my husband, Beat.

I was told this later, but Beat was the escort and the guide hired for the other four. So, he really weren't their acquaintance.

Beat merely wanted to meet winged people, but the other Human, who saw me, made a move due to lust.

As they ignored Beat's call, they set up their bow again to catch me, but... Asrad-sama came to rescue.

Asrad-sama burned the people down and at the same time, he descended from the sky. Subsequently, he approached Beat who fell down because of paralytic poison painted on the arrow.

Usually, the human, who arbitrarily entered the Dragonkin's territory, would be annihilated.

But... I couldn't let Beat died because he protected me.

Because of that, I came closer, thinking to stop Asrad-sama, but he just took notice and overlooked Beat.

[What a strange person. Why are you smiling in this situation?] (Asrad)

[A voice? I see... so you are the high rank dragon who protects the winged people.] (Beat)

[Yes. Then, answer me. Why are you smiling?] (Asrad)

[Why... it is... because she is safe. If I know that... then, it's enough.] (Beat)

Since Beat was smiling in satisfaction even if he was stared by a Dragonkin, that itself made Asrad-sama became interested.

After that, when I approached Beat to pull out the stabbed arrow, he was looking at me with an earnest relieved look.

[Aah, I'm glad... that you were safe.] (Beat)

[Thank you for protecting me. Ummm, why did you help me? If you didn't do that, you wouldn't have gone through such a painful situation.] (Frenda)

[I... just wanted to see winged people. But... I didn't think that the winged people was... so beautiful...] (Beat)

[Ehh!?] (Frenda)

With those words, Beat fainted.

It wasn't only because of my appeal, but Asrad-sama was also concerned himself. So,

it was decided to bring him back to the village.

Of course, it became a considerable dispute to bring back a Human.

Ultimately, Asrad-sama said that he would take the responsibility, so Beat was permitted to stay in the village on the condition that he stayed at my house. I remembered that made me so relieved.

Kaa-san also thought similarly with everyone else regarding Beat, but because of the fact that he saved my life, she allowed beat to stay at our house.

In this way, it was decided for Beat to live in my house, and while he was in a place a distance away from the surroundings, the knowledge he gained from travelling made our life easier.

For me who lost my father when I was young and had been staying only with Kaa-san, the life of having a man like Beat was refreshing.

The most fun thing was when I listened to the stories of the travelling from Beat.

[People who lived there had their own unique customs. That's why, if you listen to its meaning, it is really like a strange story...] (Beat)

His appearance of telling the story was as if he was really absorbed into it, and he was completely cute like a child...

[When I met you for the first time, I felt like meeting an angel. Not because of your wings, I just thought that you were really beautiful. That's why I am happy to be next to you.] (Beat)

When I thought about it, I was starting to be attracted to Beat who conveyed his feelings openly.

After six months later, when Beat began to be recognized around... I was pregnant with Karen.

Beat and Asrad-sama were happy. I felt blessed even though Kaa-san had mixed feeling. I thought that happy time would continue, but... Beat's health started to deteriorate.

Healing magic had no effect on the disease of unknown cause, so Beat, who spent most of the time in bed, began to write books.

Although it was difficult even to write letters, it was even harder for me to look at Beat who kept writing, but...

[You know... let alone raising up our child, I couldn't even see the face. But, I don't like the fact that I can't do anything to my own child. That's why I want to leave a proof that I was here so that the child won't feel lonely... even just a little bit.] (Beat)

Beat, who kept writing as if shaving his own life... calmly took his last breath in the middle of the third book.

The time we spent together wasn't very long, but I had no regret being tied to Beat.

I was prepared for it. Plus, I had Karen.

She was the most important existence brought by Beat.

For that person's sake, I promised to watch her grew up.

But... I...



"My daughter... Karen... I would like you to take her to your journey." (Frenda)

"Frenda-san..." (Sirius)

I thought that it was normal for Sirius-kun to make such a complicated expression because of my words.

It was because as a mother, I said that I wanted to him to take care of my daughter even though she was still young.

Although it couldn't be helped to think of this as abandoning my own child, I had decided for that and it wasn't easy to say it with my own mouth.

When I didn't look away, Sirius-kun let out a long breath as if he given in.

“Let’s talk whether I should take her in or anything. Does Karen know that?” (Sirius)

“Not yet. But, I suppose that girl also wants to go together with you. At least, I don’t think she will object it plainly.” (Frenda)

“I certainly have that feeling. In that case, could you explain the reason for that conclusion... if you care about Karen?” (Sirius)

“...Her curiosity is very strong, and you also know that well, right?” (Frenda)

“Indeed, I am. She is interested in the outside world, even if people look at her with cruel eyes. As for me, she is a child who is worth to teach.” (Sirius)

“Hehe, she is a curious child who smiles instinctively, right? But, even though I am the mother of that girl, there aren’t many things that I can teach her.” (Frenda)

Even magic... or outside world... I had never been out of this village and that became a limitation.

At my current capability, I could only bring Karen to a river that was a little away from the village, and that was the best that I could do to satisfy her curiosity even a little.

No, that wasn’t the best.

Because of that, I was attacked. Far from protecting Karen, I wasn’t able to protect myself too. I was about to lose her forever.

“However, Sirius-kun has similar attribute with Karen, and you can teach her magic more. You also can satisfy her curiosity because you are familiar with the outside world. Besides, I am well aware of your strength.” (Frenda)

At the time when Sirius-kun fought Mejia-san, even though it was said to be impossible feat, but thanks to that, I could understand about his strength.

His disciples were also very strong. The Hundred Wolves which was called legend was also nearby. So, I thought that Karen would be safe with them.

At that time, when I wanted to know about his character, I heard the stories from the children who adored him.

[Sirius-sama is a wonderful person. He didn't only save me and Reus when we became slave, but he also taught us how to live.] (Emilia)

[Aniki? He is the man of aspiration!] (Reus)

[Yeah... it's a feeling like having a mother or father. Sometimes he is strict, but he is kind and reliable.] (Reese)

[I love him, but he is a great man. He has a strong sense of duty and takes good care of people, and he will do anything to fight against anyone if it's for people he cares about.] (Fia)

Everyone longed for Sirius-kun. I myself wanted Karen to be together with him and I wanted her to be happy.

It was only half a month, but as a result of associating with Karen, I was convinced that Sirius-kun was a trustworthy person.

He didn't only saved us, but he also taught Karen various knowledge. He also scolded her like a father for doing something dangerous.

Giving an affection to Karen even though she was supposed to be treated like other person, if it were these people who took care of her that much...

"If it's Sirius-kun, I can leave Karen to you without worries. I believe... you will protect that girl and show her the outside world." (Frenda)

There was also another basis why he could be trusted.

Emilia and Reus, who were raised and saved since they were young, were strong, and they became upright people.

Although he was younger than me, he was good at taking care of children as if he was experienced with that. It was hard to admit, but I thought that he was better than me.

To entrust Karen to him... I was really a cowardly mother.

I hadn't repaid the favor of saving us, and I was trying to take advantage of Sirius-kun's kindness.

Even with this self-loathing feeling, Sirius-kun continued to listen to my explanation with a keen look.

As expected, he was angry, wasn't it?

But of course, it was obvious to get angry. It was a sudden and unilateral proposition.

"Are you really sure about this?" (Sirius)

However... Sirius-kun wasn't angry. For some reason, he had a sad expression when looking at me.

When I tilted my neck because I didn't expect that response, Sirius-kun talked to me with a gentle voice as if to admonish me.

"For a child, parents are more necessary than anything else. Although you can see again, you both will be separated." (Sirius)

"..." (Frenda)

"If you say that straightforwardly, I think that I don't mind to let Karen accompany me on the journey. However, I'm not sure what will happen during the journey. Let say that I am caught in an unexpected incident and I am not able to protect Karen, then, there is also a possibility of losing your daughter this time, you know? It may be temporary, but you should understand because you have experienced it before." (Sirius)

"Yes, I understand that." (Frenda)

As expected, Sirius-kun was a kind person.

Rather than worrying himself, he worried more about us for being separated.

Obviously, I didn't want to be separated from Karen.

But... when I thought about her, I...

"But, I don't want to waste her talent." (Frenda)

Previously, Sirius-kun told me this.

The childhood experience was very important because it had a big influence even when people had grown up.

Therefore, it was necessary for Karen to have a good teacher nearby when she was told that she had talents in magic even though she was a non attribute.

“Besides, I think that this village is too small for Karen.” (Frenda)

She didn’t seem to be discouraged even though she was enslaved. Even if I left that alone, she would make a trip away from this village someday.

And if Beat was still alive, I believed he wouldn’t stop Karen from going out on a journey.

[Say, Beat. What if one day this child read the books your wrote and says to you that she wants to travel?] (Frenda)

[Well. At that time... I want to send her out. There are many dangerous things, but there are lots of fun things and fateful encounters on the travel. Just how you and I have met.] (Beat)

[But, the outside world is still...] (Frenda)

[Of course, I’m not just sending her out like that. It will be only after when she got the corresponding knowledge and strength. I will leave the necessary knowledge in these books. If she says that she wants to go on a journey, I want you to teach her magic and make her strong. To be honest, if you can find a trustworthy person who is used to traveling, it is fine, but... am I asking too much?] (Beat)

Although this place was a place that outside wouldn’t come thoughtlessly, the wish that Beat said in front of me seemed like a joke.

Since we were the parents, we didn’t want to make mistake for our child’s turning point.

And it was completely like a miracle that a worthy person who I could entrust Karen

appeared.

“I heard from your wives that you dream to be a teacher who teaches various things. Based on your opinion, is there nothing else could be taught to Karen?” (Frenda)

“No. As I told you earlier, I have a lot of things I still want to teach her.” (Sirius)

“In that case, I want Sirius-kun to teach her the way you like. Karen is surely looking forward to be taught by you.” (Frenda)

Although it felt sad... this wasn't an eternal farewell.

It I could stand it, Sirius-kun and Karen would be satisfied as well.

Leaving that aside, what were the things I gave in return to Sirius-kun and the rest?

Their burden would definitely increase by leaving Karen to them. I would like to thank you for taking care of her for me, but I didn't have anything to give in return.

I didn't have the money of the outside world, and... I was sorry about that, but I'd discuss about this with Asrad-sama later.

When I was considering about such a thing, Sirius-kun suddenly stood up and turned around.

“It would be better for us to talk about this with our family at once. Frenda-san, please tell this to Karen, while I'll tell to everyone.” (Sirius)

“Right. It's no good to decide on my own without listening to that girl's feeling.” (Frenda)

After saying that, Sirius-kun left the room, but I noticed that I was tired more than I expected.

It was probably because of tension. When I stood up because I felt thirst, Kaa-san, who was waiting in the next room, came at the same time, and she offered me a cup of water.

“Thank you, Kaa-san.” (Frenda)

“Should I say, good job... in this situation?” (Debra)

“...I don’t know. Kaa-san... it’s going to be sad if Karen leave, right?” (Frenda)

I had explained this matter to Kaa-san beforehand.

When Kaa-san heard my explanation, she had a mixed feeling just like Sirius-kun, but she respected my will.

Even so, Kaa-san hit me on the shoulder with an astonished expression because of my words and sigh that came out spontaneously.

“What’s with that sigh? Do you want me to refuse you?” (Debra)

“That’s not it–... yeah, that’s not it, I guess.” (Frenda)

“Well, whatever it is, my answer will not change. It’s sad if the granddaughter leaves me, but I also can understand your point.” (Debra)

While I still couldn’t calm myself down even after drinking the cup of water, Karen, who had heard the explanation from Sirius-kun, came into the room.

“What’s this, Okaa-san? Even though I was working hard to learn magic...” (Karen)

“I’m sorry, Karen. But, I have something important to tell you from now on, so please listen to me.” (Frenda)

While being stared by Karen’s pure and intractable eyes, I talked about her go for travel with Sirius-kun.

“...That’s why. If it’s Sirius-kun, I’m sure he will protect you. So, if you travel with everyone, you will be able to see lots of things.” (Frenda)

“Is it alright!?” (Karen)

“As long as you want to go. Besides, you also like them and everyone else, right?” (Frenda)

“Yes!” (Karen)

As expected, Karen seemed to have thought about going on a journey.

If it was like this, I was sure...

"I like Onii-sans, Onee-chans, and Hokuto too... just how I love Okaa-san!" (Karen)

"...Yeah. If you are with everyone, you'll be fine even if I'm not there." (Frenda)

"Eh? Okaa-san... is not going?" (Karen)

I thought about it once, but my strength was nothing but a burden.

Although I was entrusting Karen who was still a child, it was too much for them to take care of me since I was an adult.

"I'm sorry. I can't go on a journey." (Frenda)

"But why..." (Karen)

Karen's eyes were shining when she heard that she could travel, but she became depressed when she learned that I wouldn't go.

I could go back if I did it now.

[It feels sad, but let see everyone off with a smile.] (Debra)

[I'm sure she will come back here again, and at that time, she will show and shock us with her amazing magic.] (Frenda)

If I said so, I was sure...

But then, that was no good.

"...I'm fine. You want to travel with everyone, am I right?" (Frenda)

"Y-yes. But, Okaa-san..." (Karen)

I felt only despair when Karen fell into the river and became separated, and then, I felt alive when I saw how she grew up under the care of Sirius-kun.

I relied on her more than she relied on me.

What I could do at present was... softly pushed her back.

“I’m waiting here for you to come back. Please tell me a lot about your journey at that time.” (Frenda)

“Okaa-san wants to hear my stories?” (Karen)

“Yes. I loved to hear stories about the journey from your Otou-san. That’s why I want to hear it from Karen.” (Frenda)

It was just that her appearance being immersed while telling the things taught by Sirius-kun was completely looked like Beat.

“Alright... I will go! I want to tell you a lot Okaa-san! Besides, I...” (Karen)

After that, I listened to her dream which she secretly wished for and I hugged my dear daughter.



— Sirius —

I was surprised by Frenda-san’s proposal, but it was also something that I wanted.

I wasn’t really thinking about having successor. I was purely interested in how much non-attribute people other than me grew.

However, as the number of subjects to protect increased, the danger that came with it would also increase.

Since I couldn’t decide this matter by myself, I tried to discuss with everyone immediately, but...

“I have no reason to object. So, I will follow Sirius-sama’s judgment.” (Emilia)

“I agree. Oh yeah... before we listened about this matter of Sirius-san and us, we were trying to figure out a way to say farewell to Karen-chan.” (Reese)

“It’s going to be hard from now, but you have to tell a lot to everyone.” (Fia)

“Ouh! I will protect her!” (Reus)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

It was basically within my expectation.

Apparently, they didn’t object to have Karen as our companion. It seemed that they were having similar thought as mine.

“We are fine with it, but how are Karen-chan and Frenda-san?” (Emilia)

“Frankly speaking, I don’t feel good to separate a mother and a daughter who are that close.” (Reese)

“I think Karen should be fine because she is curious, but this may be about Frenda. Her husband had left her, so it would be good if we don’t make her sad anymore than that.” (Fia)

“Say, Aniki. Can we bring them together?” (Reus)

“No, Frenda-san thinks that she will not be able to travel. She had been attacked twice already, so I think she won’t feel relieve in the outside world.” (Sirius)

It might be harsh, but I had to make proper consideration.

Besides, Frenda-san was the one who said that herself, so she probably had been prepared for this.

I was also prepared to respond to that determination...

“Actually, I have been thinking about this matter, but would you hear me?” (Sirius)

My idea was probably excessive, and it might be rude to Emilia and others.

Nevertheless, whether I was right or wrong, everyone nodded while showing a bitter smile.



That night... we were gathering at Karen's house.

In the room which became a bit cramped when all of us were there, Karen's family members were sitting on the opposite side of the table.

With the air of a bit tense, we informed the result of the discussion with each other. Karen happily flapped her wings while Frenda-san seemed to be relieved.

"However, I have conditions to take care of Karen." (Sirius)

"Conditions? If I can do it..." (Frenda)

"Will you let Karen to call me as her father?" (Sirius)

"Is that... because you are adopting Karen?" (Frenda)

"No, it's not that kind of matter. I am thinking that Karen's loneliness can be softened if she thinks of me as a father during the journey." (Sirius)

Even if I adopted her, I didn't need to marry Frenda-san.

I wanted to treat Karen as a family member, at least through the way of calling.

Karen, who didn't know her father's face, still required the presence of a father, and I was also concerned about this too.

When I explained that this was for the sake of appearance, Frenda, who was anxious, became relieved, but Karen was merely wondering.

"If you have been thinking until that far, I think Beat also will allow it. I don't really mind, but what do you think, Karen?" (Frenda)

"...Onii-san is Otou-san? But, my Otou-san is...?" (Karen)

"I won't be your real parent, so you don't have to worry about it now. Anyhow, I want you to think of me like a father starting from today. Well, it doesn't really matter if you don't like it.-..." (Sirius)

“Alright. Onii-san is... Otou-san. My Otou-san!” (Karen)

It might be because she didn’t have a father since she was born, she accepted easily.

I felt sorry for Beat, but I wanted them to be relieved.

I would take responsibility for their daughter, raised and protected her.

“It’s easy for her to accept Aniki as Tou-chan, isn’t it?” (Reus)

“Well, this is something to be remembered since we came to this village...” (Fia)

“I... think I can understand the feeling. When I first met Sirius-san, I thought that he was like a father.” (Reese)

“It is natural in a sense because Sirius-sama’s back is very big.” (Emilia)

Nevertheless, the ladies, who became my wives, probably had mixed feelings because I took custody of a girl and asked her to call me as a father.

Of course, I firmly apologized when I told this, but they were a bit different.

“By the way, if Aniki is Tou-chan, wouldn’t it better to call Nee-chans as Kaa-chan?” (Reus)

“That sounds tempting, but it’s fine to call us Onee-chan.” (Emilia)

“Yup. Karen-chan’s Okaa-san is Frenda-san.” (Reese)

“We only want to be called Okaa-san by our own children.” (Fia)

I didn’t think I could look at the ladies for a while.

I felt bad even if they didn’t mind, so I had to make up with something soon.

When I was planning for the future while watching the excited Karen, who was nearby, Frenda-san called her daughter as if to reprove, with a gentle smile.

“Karen. It’s alright to be excited, but since they will take care of you from now, you should treat them politely. You told me a while ago that your dream is to be with them

too.” (Frenda)

“Yes!” (Karen)

Then, Karen turned to us with a full smile, and bowed her head deeply.

“I’d like to see a lot of things and write books someday like Otou-san. So, please take care of me!” (Karen)

In this way, Karen joined us on our journey.

Chapter 146

A Girl's Departure

Since Karen had decided to accompany us on the trip, we began preparing to leave the village.

It would probably finish soon because it was just packing supplies such as food ingredients into the horse carriage, but since this involved Karen altogether, it wouldn't be so.

Although we were going to protect her, the journey wasn't going to be easy. As for the clothes, Emilia was currently sewing new clothes.

Using mana thread which was the same material used for the uniform worn in the Elysion school, we progressed with the work while discussing the design with Frenda and Debra.

In the meantime, I went to Asrad who was in the deeper part of the cave to inform him about bringing Karen along, but when he heard that, he asked me with a serious expression.

[I see... If Frenda and Karen decided this for themselves, I will not stop them. However, if you are not in a hurry, will you wait for about two days before the departure?]
(Asrad)

Either way, Karen's clothes hadn't been completed yet, so I didn't mind waiting.

Since I was exploring as usual, training Karen, crafting using bamboo, two days had passed quickly. After that, we visited Asrad again.

Karen was also told to come, so every one of us came here. In the cave's hall, there weren't only Asrad in his dragon form, but also Xenodora and Mejia.

However, what made me most interested was Asrad looked strangely tired. It seemed that he rarely came out of the cave for the last two days. I wonder what he was doing.

As I was wondering, Asrad was asking questions while approaching Karen.

[Karen. Let me ask you again. Are you really going with them?] (Asrad)

“Yes! I will see a lot of things together with Otou-san. When I come back, I will also tell you, As-jii.” (Karen)

[Aah... I'll be looking forward to that. But, if you go outside, it's not going to be easy to depend on magic alone. Hey Sirius. Have you prepared weapons for this child already?] (Asrad)

“Not yet. When I arrive to the nearest town, I will find a weapon suitable for her.” (Sirius)

[If that is so, you don't have to do it. Karen, take this with you.] (Asrad)

When Asrad said that, he handed a knife to Karen.

The black shining knife was seemed to be made of obsidian. From the state of the blade and the handle which were attached, it made me think that the knife was made by scrapping a lump of ore.

Anyhow, the knife looked nothing except like an unrefined knife, but it contained enormous mana.

What was with this unrefined knife made by scrapping a black ore?

[I made the knife with my horn. It may be a bit heavy for you since you are still young, but you'll get used to it soon.] (Asrad)

When I turned my sight after he said that, I noticed the horn that grew on Asrad's head was slightly shorter.

It wasn't a big loss from the whole part, but on top of that, it was considerable painful for Dragonkin to cut it. It might be because the horn was sturdy, so it was difficult to cut the horn. In other words, Asrad was tired because he was cutting the horn all the time.

“Thank you, As-jii!” (Karen)

[It is a knife that can easily pierce both people and monsters. Be careful when you want to use it.] (Asrad)

“How about As-jii?” (Karen)

[Hmm... I wonder about that. I think it will not penetrate my sturdy scales, but even with the horn that contain my mana for so many years, it–... ughh!?] (Asrad)

“Did it go through?” (Karen)

Karen stabbed Asrad’s arm which he was proud of with the knife she got.

It was only slightly bleeding because he was stabbed lightly, but anyhow, the knife seemed to have the sharpness that could penetrate even the dragon scales.

Although it was considerably naughty of Karen, it was a conduct after understanding the sturdiness of the Dragonkin, Asrad, so it didn’t seem she was doing indiscriminately.

Well, it was like a moxibustion to the Jii-san who was getting cocky.

“Karen. In such a time like this, you need to give warning first before you do that. If somebody suddenly does it on you, you will not like it, right?” (Sirius)

“I’m sorry. But I thought if it’s Ass-jii, he would be fine. This is strange...” (Karen)

[Hahaha, if it’s a scratch of this much, you don’t have to worry. Look, the wound is already closed, you know.” (Asrad)

“I’m glad. Well then, I wonder where I shouldn’t prick. After all, As-jii’s scales are really tough.” (Karen)

[Don’t you do that anymore, alright?” (Asrad)

Even if the appearances and the sizes were completely different, these two were existences who I didn’t get tired of watching.

As I was watching while thinking that the chief of the Dragonkin wasn’t scary to children, Asrad, who finally able to stop Karen, reached out to me.

In his palm spread out before me, there was a knife larger than Karen's.

[As for you, I'm giving you this as thanks for everything you had done and also for Karen. This is a knife made by sharpening my fang.] (Asrad)

According to Asrad, he had been consulting with Frenda about the returning the favor to us for a long time.

She couldn't repay the favor for saving Karen as well as herself, and I didn't think she should feel sorry for asking me to take care of Karen, but it seemed that she was worried that she had nothing to give back.

Even if I told her not to worry about it because we actually wanted to take care of Karen, I guessed I couldn't convince her since she was a kind hearted one.

This was why Asrad, who had been watching over this situation like a parent, prepared this present in exchange.

"If that was the case, I will not hesitate to accept it." (Sirius)

[Hmm, since this is also to support the girl, you may sell it if you have troubles with money.] (Asrad)

"About money, I will have no problem for the time being because I have the magic stones and the gems." (Sirius)

The knife was made of the fangs of a Dragonkin... no, the chief of the Dragonkin that had lived for so long, so it seemed to be a reliable knife.

However, I had enough weapons. I got the sword from Dee, and knives from Fia and Shishou.

While worrying about what I was going to do with the knife, I received it and when I removed the cloth that wrapped around it, a magnificent knife blade with black color on the whole thing.

"Ooh... somehow, it looks amazing." (Reus)

"Yeah, I can feel a great deal of difference from Karen's knife." (Emilia)

“It is a knife blade that seems sucking us just by looking at it. It’s better than the knife I had.” (Fia)

“This is outside of my area of expertise, but I can see it as a very good weapon. With that, even steel can be cut easily.” (Reese)

“In that case, do you want to use it, Emilia?” (Sirius)

“Are you sure?” (Emilia)

Emilia wasn’t lacking of anything, but she had the lowest attack power among us.

Besides, the knife wasn’t suitable for Reus while Reese and Fia had powerful spirit magic. Other than me, Emilia was good with the knife handling.

[Since it is already yours, you may do it as you like. I’m fine as long as your battle prowess increases.] (Asrad)

We could protect Karen if the overall battle prowess went up.

But, Emilia looked slightly hesitated.

“I’m glad that you allow me to use it, but if it is a knife at this degree, I think it’s better for Sirius-sama to use it...” (Emilia)

“Then, will it be alright if Nee-chan uses the mithril knife Aniki has?” (Reus)

“That may be a good idea, but let’s stop discussing this. I’ve been using the mithril knife until now, so it’s like my partner.” (Sirius)

I was already getting used to it and it was also an item with precious memories. I wanted to keep using it until I reached my limit.

By the way, I also didn’t want other people to use the knife I got from Shishou. Truthfully, it was a knife which I could talk to Shishou, and I also didn’t want her to teach her weird things behind my back.

“Hehe. If it is that important, it is worth to give it to you.” (Fia)

“I was saved many times because of it. So, don’t hesitate to use it, Emilia.” (Sirius)

“...I understand. I will handle it with great care.” (Emilia)

Emilia, who carefully received the knife from me, was smiling with pride. Perhaps, it was a proof of trust for an attendant to receive things from the Master.

While Emilia’s tail was wagging with joy, Fia nodded as if she remembered something when she looked at the knife.

“That remind me... in some cultures, I heard that a man gives a knife as a proposal for a woman.” (Fia)

“What is that? Is it pleasing to receive weapons?” (Sirius)

“It seems to be for self determination to protect honor from people other than the husband. It is not as serious as it sounds though. It’s just that to give a sense to the woman that she belongs to you.” (Fia)

“Ehehe. All of me are already belong to Sirius-sama.” (Emilia)

Since I didn’t know when the speed of the wagging tail going to stop, I would like her to stop it right now.

Other than that, on top of the fangs and scales I got from Mejia and Zenodora, I could make a lot of things if I could make it well.



After that, we told him that we would leave by tomorrow. When we returned to the house, Karen wasn’t with us.

Frenda and Debra weren’t particularly involved when we had discussion with Asrad again, but I asked them to go outside.

“Why do you bring us to such a place?” (Debra)

“Yeah. I haven’t prepared Karen’s clothes yet.” (Frenda)

“Actually, there is something I would like you both to see.” (Sirius)

Together with them who were wondering because I suddenly brought them out, we

came to the place where the cave Asrad stayed was visible.

The entrance to the cave was high enough for us to look up. No one could go enter unless they could fly in the sky, but there was a girl of winged people standing alone in the front of the big opening entrance now.

“Is that... Karen? Is she going to play with Asrad-sama again?” (Debra)

“I wonder if she is going to say goodbye to Asrad-sama? Well, she is going to leave soon.” (Frenda)

“Please wait a minute. Karen is there because she wants to show something to both of you.” (Sirius)

Since I had Hokuto nearby just in case, I didn’t ask him to do anything unless something bad happened.

Karen took a deep breath in front the two of them, who didn’t know the reason, and she suddenly jumped out from the spot toward the sky.

There was no need to be impatient because they could fly if they were winged people, but since Karen wouldn’t be able to fly satisfactorily due to one of the wings was irregular, that action itself was equivalent to suicide.

Frenda and Debra tried to spread the wings in a hurry in order to help the fallen Karen, but they stopped halfway.

“Eh... Karen?” (Debra)

“What is the meaning of this? To do it at ease...” (Frenda)

“That is the result of the training Karen had secretly done for both of you.” (Sirius)

The reason was Karen’s falling speed was very slow.

Karen spread her wings and glided like birds. They looked up in surprise at Karen who slowly descended while drawing an arc.

“Although she can’t fly yet from that spot, she will be fine even if she jumps off from a high position.” (Sirius)

“Kaa-san, Karen is...” (Frenda)

“Aah. It is more or less giddy, but it is stunning. Even children of the same age can’t do it without being scared like her.” (Debra)

“But... how? With Karen’s wing, she...” (Frenda)

“Please look closely at Karen’s wings.” (Sirius)

They were in doubt, but because of my words, they seemed to notice Karen’s shorter wing was slightly shining.

“If she compresses mana, she can hold her body mass. She is skillful at handling mana, so she is making the left and right wings to be in the same size.” (Sirius)

In the first place, winged people couldn’t fly just by flapping their wings.

Buoyancy could be obtained by putting mana on the wings. It was the mechanism to fly while balancing with the wings. This was merely my opinion, but it made me think that it was in their genes by many years of evolution.

In the case of Karen, rather than not able to fly straight because of her irregular wing, it was actually impossible for her to fly in the first place.

However, Karen learned the technique to control mana, so she covered her wing with mana and temporarily enlarged it.

Of course, that would exhaust mana accordingly, but since she must do more precise mana control, she could only glide for the time being and she couldn’t keep it long. If another winged person used a portion of mana to fly in the sky, in the case of Karen, she required to use four times of the amount.

Even so... Karen had certainly taken the first step to fly.

“Haa... haa... Okaa-san! Obaa-chan! Did you see that?” (Karen)

Although it was a dangerous spectacle played along the way, Karen, who succeeded in landing in front of Frenda, was proudly smiling even with her disturbed breathing.

Frenda looked happy when she embraced Karen, but she seemed wondering as if there

was something to worry about.

“It was really incredible, Karen. But why did you try to fly?” (Frenda)

“You’re right. Even though other children still haven’t...” (Debra)

Apparently, practicing flying at Karen’s age now was deemed too early. Together with the danger, her body and wings still hadn’t matured yet.

For that reason, they would be called winged people if they were able to fly freely in the sky.

Karen was aware of it though, but people might ask why she asked me to train her in order to show the result to her mother.

“It’s just that if I grow up, Okaa-san and Obaa-chan will be relieved, right?” (Karen)

That was... to make her mother and grandmother felt at ease even a little.

I was wondering when Karen asked me that she wanted to fly with a serious look that I had never seen before, but I agreed when I looked at the book she showed me at that time.

By the way, the book was handed down from Frenda after it was decided that she would go on a journey. It seemed to be the last part left by Beat.

The book contained the knowledge and skills necessary for the journey, but since it was written that Frenda would feel relieved if she grew stronger, she decided to practice it.

“I... see. If you grow up, I surely can rest assured.” (Frenda)

“Yes!” (Karen)

Frenda, who understood her daughter’s feelings, affectionately stroke Karen’s head while desperately trying to suppress the complicated feelings.



The next day... many winged people and Dragonkin to see us off to a journey.

We were avoided at the beginning, but this situation was thanks to teaching them cooking and the matters related to Karen and Frenda.

While we received farewell from the villagers, we were waiting for Karen to come out of the house because she was saying goodbye to her family as for the last preparations.

“...She’s late.” (Emilia)

“Perhaps, it’s because she will not be able to meet her mother for a while. Let’s wait without being impatient.” (Sirius)

“Karen is still in there? I’m about to reach my limit!” (Reus)

When I thought why I heard a strangely pitiful voice, the children living in the village were flocking Reus.

On top of having personality that didn’t reflect the inside, it felt nostalgic because they were playing well during training.

“Reus-oniichan! You can’t go!” (??)

“Yeah! Let’s play some more!” (??)

“I told you, I can’t do that. I have to go with Aniki.” (Reus)

“You can’t!” (??)

While their parents desperately trying to calm their children, they weren’t able to pull them off since the children were clinging hard on Reus’ arms and legs. Then, Karen finally came out of the house with Frenda.

Since I told her to bring her personal things, she was holding a bag made of leather which looked heavy...

“It’s bulging huh... eh?” (Reus)

“The changing clothes and daily items have been already loaded on the carriage, so what’s in it?” (Emilia)

“Otou-san, I’m ready!” (Karen)

“Ahaha...” (Frenda)

Frenda had a bitter smile when she looked at us who had questions, but I didn't feel bad at all.

“Karen. Why are you bringing so much? Didn't I say to bring only necessary things?” (Sirius)

“Yes, they are.” (Karen)

“Then, can you show me what's in there?” (Sirius)

“...They are necessary things!” (Karen)

She tried to hide the bag with her body in order to avoid the question, but something fell down from the bag due to that action, and that thing rolled on the ground.

After confirming that, we nodded at once and silently surrounded her.

“...Performing a compulsory investigation.” (Fia)

“No, no, you can't! These are my... aah!” (Karen)

“...It's honey.” (Reus)

“Only honey...” (Reese)

The bag was packed tightly with containers filled with honey.

I went to collect honey couple of times because I was asked by Karen, but apparently, she secretly secured it for herself without my knowledge. I didn't expect she was hiding it that much.

The result was... about 80% of the contents were honey.

It was clearly excessive even though it was considered preserved food, so I decided to leave all the rest except the necessary things.

“My honey...” (Karen)

“Even if we don’t carry around that much, we can still get it during the travel.” (Fia)

“Fia is right. Local procurement is the basis of a journey, you know.” (Sirius)

“Yes. But...” (Karen)

Since she still had a lingering attachment, we might as well depart early. If I left her along, she would return when there was a chance.

After Reus had also settled down, Frenda stood in front of us and bowed deeply.

“Everyone. She is such a gluttonous girl, so please somehow tolerate her.” (Frenda)

“Please leave her to me, because I’m used to such things.” (Sirius)

After all, we had two more gluttonous in the house. Besides, even if she was gluttonous, it was cute if it was limited to honey.

I’d told Frenda that we would return to this village once in a while, but since I couldn’t wipe the anxiousness as I expected, I told her as if declaring.

“Frenda-san. I will take care of your daughter. Therefore, please also keep your promise with me.” (Sirius)

“...Yes. I will work hard in order not to lose to you.” (Frenda)

Frenda’s eyes were red probably because he cried while hugging her daughter in the house.

Nevertheless, she nodded with eyes full of vitality looking towards the promise. Thus, I would be able to travel at ease.

After that, when we got on the back of the three dragons and had Zenodora carried our carriage, Karen shouted at Frenda when we tried to leave the village.

“Okaa-san, I will do my best!” (Karen)

“Karen, I don’t think that is the case, you know. Besides... are you forgetting that?” (Sirius)

“Aah, yes. Well... I’m going. Okaa-san!” (Karen) *(TLN: Before this, Karen called her mother おかーさん, but in this sentence, it is お母さん. I’m not sure the difference other than the long vowel sound in おかーさん)*

Finally, Karen firmly managed to call her mother without stuttering and that made Frenda stunned, but she quickly waved to see her daughter and us off.



[Well, that is clever. When you come to visit us next time, you should signal with something to the sky. I will pick you soon.] (Zenodora)

[I’ve learned a lot of things.] (Eye)

[If you have any troubles, please call me anytime.] (Kuva)

[Hokuto-san, and Reus too, take care!] (Rai)

After having them put us down at the front of the forest which was also the entrance to the Dragon’s Nest, we parted with Zenodora. Then, we rode our carriage toward the next destination, Sandor.

While moving on a path without proper road toward a nearby main road, we were talking as we looked at the Dragon’s Nest which was getting further away from inside of the carriage.

“It is a bit remote place, but it was a relaxed village.” (Emilia)

“Yes. With different races respect each other, it was calm and nice to spend time there.” (Reese)

“It had a similar feeling to the village where Jii-chan and I lived.” (Reus)

“Yes, it is. Once we have settled down, I would like to live in a place like that.” (Sirius)

I had no plan to keep traveling forever. Someday, I would reach the end of it and that would be the time to settle down.

I would probably have many children with these three as my wives, and I would like

to take my time raising my own children and disciples.

Well, leaving the talk about the future, now it was for Karen.

“She was fine just before leaving that village. But, she is lonely after all.” (Fia)

Even if Karen was looking forward to travel, she was sitting at the rear of the carriage, and absentmindedly looking at the scenery.

She might be unconcerned until now because of the admiration for the outside world and the curiosity, but she probably realized it after leaving the hometown, and the loneliness came in all at once.

A very young child would act more on instinct, so this might also be unavoidable.

Such a sorrow floating from her back, but... this situation was somehow strange.

Thereupon, Emilia, who had the same question as I was, moved his nose, and she suddenly noticed a box carrying supplies for the travel.

“...Sirius-sama. The honey has decreased by one portion.” (Emilia)

“Oh, it’s not me, alright!?” (Reus)

“Not me too! Ah, that remind me, I had a feeling that Karen was there earlier...” (Reese)

“That was a splendid skill of deceiving our eyes. But it is probably limited to honey.” (Sirius)

“Whatever it is, a child can’t eat the stockpile of the trip without permission. I want to scold her, but is it too much to do that now?” (Fia)

“Well, this time is a bit special. Sorry, but can’t you leave her to me after this?” (Sirius)

While being watched by the wives, who nodded and quietly watched over, I scooped honey with my fingers and sat next to Karen who was eating.

Although Karen always ate honey with full smile on her face, she was currently eating it without expression.

“Is it delicious?” (Sirius)

“-!? I’m not eating, you know?” (Karen)

She hurriedly hid the honey behind her back, but that made it visible to Emilia and others.

We pretended not to notice it for the time being, but I looked up to the sky to show that I didn’t notice it even though I sat next to her.

She was probably trying to deceive as if she wasn’t eating it, but I had to tell her this firmly.

“Karen. For now, you can still return to your mother’s place, you know? It may be embarrassing but with your current age, it is obvious that you want to go home.” (Sirius)

“...Yes. In Papa’s book... he wrote that I must not become a crybaby.” (Karen)

“Is that so?” (Sirius)

Since she started calling me Otou-san, she began to call Beat as Papa.

In the last book left by Beat, not only the necessary skills and knowledge for travel, thing like preparedness was also written.

A journey wasn’t only about finding new encounters and strange things; there were also things like fears and sorrows such as harsh reality and losing close friends.

In order not to be overwhelmed by such negativity, self control and perseverance... were also written.

Perhaps, that was left in order to let her grow up satisfactorily. It might be hard for Karen to understand because she was still very young, but it seemed that she understood it was pointless to cry or give up easily.

That wasn’t a wrong way to react, but...

“But, although it says that crybaby is not good, there’s nothing wrong if you want to cry.” (Sirius)

“I’m not a crybaby if I cry?” (Karen)

“Yes. It’s not a bad thing to cry for your hometown or mother. The important thing is not to cry forever, and look forward to see them again.” (Sirius)

“Seeing them again... is it?” (Karen)

“I’m not sure when it will be, but we definitely will come back to your house. So, you shouldn’t be a crybaby until then. You should learn self control, so now... is the right time for that.” (Sirius)

“...Yes... uhh.” (Karen)

It was probably best to cry at the time like this without holding back.

That was especially for young children. They were likely to become emotionally unstable if the stress was accumulating too much.

In addition, the preparedness written in that book was for when she had grown up, so it would be fine if I slowly told her since we would be together from now on.

It was a matter of obligation, so when I stroked the head of the daughter and pulled her slowly to my chest, she wept trying to hold the tears.

Karen... even though she said she didn’t want to be a crybaby, she was a strong girl who wouldn’t return even if she missed her mother or her hometown.

I wanted to see how far she would grow up.

As her teacher, as her father... I would do my best to watch over her.

This day... the girl grew a bit after saying farewell, and she started to go out to the outside world.



— Frenda —

“Are you really sure?” (Debra?)

“...Isn’t it obvious? I believed Beat also would accept him as Karen’s teacher.” (Frenda)

“No, I didn’t mean Karen. What I meant was actually you. Can you bear the life without that girl?” (Debra)

I thought that it wasn’t unreasonable for Kaa-san to worry.

She had seen me having low spirits after losing Beat in the past, no matter how much she did for me.

Furthermore, she knew that I relied on my daughter, Karen, to relieve the grive of losing husband.

“To be honest... I don’t know.” (Frenda)

The more I thought about it, only unpleasant thoughts came out.

In the end, I probably wouldn’t be able to see Karen again and to see the appearance of her calling me as Okaa-san.

“But, even if I stay together with Karen, I know that I can’t do anything much.” (Frenda)

When I met those people, they weren’t only teaching Karen, but they also taught me about growing up.

I didn’t want to stand in their way.

“Besides, I promised this with Sirius-kun. I will work hard to improve myself, and let her eat delicious meals.” (Frenda)

As a condition of asking them to take care of Karen, Sirius-kun had become the replacement of the father, but he also said other things.

[There is another condition. With the ingredients written here, I want you to use it to create dishes. It will be necessary for Karen.] (Sirius)

Sirius-kun handed a small book which was written in details with recipes and the steps of making ingredients.

[These are the recipes of the dishes I wrote during the trip and how to make the

necessary ingredients for those dishes. Since it requires aging and fermentation for a long time, it is difficult to do it during travel...] (Sirius)

[Is this a condition? It doesn't seem anything to do with Karen...] (Frenda)

[When we return here again, please make Karen the dishes written on this.] (Sirius)

I doubted my ears for a while when I heard it for the first time.

I didn't dislike making dishes in particular, but on top of knowing the taste of the dishes Sirius-kun made, I thought that it would be pretty hard.

In the future, I was told by Sirius-kun that it would be delicious and to let Karen to eat it... it was going to be difficult.

"However, that's because it's difficult... right?" (Debra)

With this, I surely thought that I had new goal even though I had no one but my daughter.

Since there were various dishes in the book, I began to think that I wanted to let that girl to eat these delicious meals when I was reading it.

Besides, I would try as much as I could since Zenodora-sama and others would help me to procure necessary ingredients.

Yes, since Asrad-sama prepared goods to return the favor for us, I would treat him with a lot of new dishes as a repayment.

The quickest one still required things that were necessary to age for one month, so it seemed better to do it as soon as possible.

While looking at the direction where the girl went away, I murmured to promise.

"Take care, Karen. Your mother also... will do her best." (Frenda)



— A passage in the last book —

To my child.

What kind of child are you?

Are you a boy?

Are you a girl?

No, that doesn't really matter. It's because I'm happy that you were born safely.

And you're probably reading this because you decided to go on a journey.

I think you'll be lonely to leave your hometown and mother, but don't cry easily.

There are loneliness and sad things when you go on a journey, and there are also many times you need to be patience.

You can rely on your friends if you have one.

When you are going through difficulties, know your ability and keep calm.

But, if you read this and become scared of the journey, or if you miss being separated from your mother, I don't mind if you stop, you know?

It's up to you what you want to do.

I just want you to live the way you like.

But, if there is only one thing I could say... You have to have strong mind, and also body.

Strong enough to be alright even if you are attacked by people and monsters. After all, I want your mother to feel relieve.

Although I am a father who can't even call your name, or even hold you, I will always love you.

If you find something you want to do, please do it the best you can.

Live freely and grow up well, but more than anything else, be happy.



Extra/Bonus – Act 1

At that time, G was...

In the one of the harbor towns of the Hypne continent, there were an old man carrying a huge sword and a young man holding two swords got off from a ship.

“Is this the Hypne continent? It’s my first time to be here, and it’s cold, isn’t it?”
(Beowulf)

“Hmm... it’s been a long time feeling this coldness.” (Lior)

“When you said that, does that mean you came from this continent?” (Beowulf)

“That’s not it. I stayed here for a long time before I retired. “There are monsters that give considerable good feeling when I slice them. So, shall we?” (Lior)

“Please stop it.” (Beowulf)

We would surely surrounded by monsters, and I could also expect that I would suffer another close to death experience.

Anyhow, to change the mood, the young man talked about the topic heard while he was on board of a ship.

“By the way, I heard that there is a mountain where the Dragonkin live somewhere on this continent. Have you been there?” (Beowulf)

“There is something like that, but even if I tried to go there, I gave up because I got lost. There was a couple of times lizards several time bigger than me and only weak dragons came out.” (Lior)

“Got lost, huh...” (Beowulf)

“That’s right! I won’t get lost because I have you now. Which way... wait a sec-...” (Lior)

“Please stop it.” (Beowulf)

After that, the young man experienced a new hell...



Extra/Bonus – Act 2

Revenge of Valentine (Although it’s been over for a day, please don’t mind it – Author)

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✂Please see past activity records for the details. (Author)

Last year... the ladies and Reus knew the plan of Valentine.

The ladies made a lot for Sirius, but it was Reus who made the most gorgeous chocolate.

For that reason, this year...

“Let’s make something better than Reus this year.” (Emilia)

“You’re right. The important thing is the feeling, but I am sorry for the last year’s frustration.” (Reese)

“It is miserable as a woman to lose to Reus. Let’s do our best.” (Fia)

The ladies were confident because they had a secret plan for this year.

Since they were taught some information from Shishou, they were able to make new kind of chocolate.

The ladies, who used various chocolate, nuts and fruits to make Gâteau Opéra, told Reus who saw them in the middle of making it.

“Chocolate? I was thinking whether I should make it or not, but since Aniki showed a subtle face last year, I wonder if I should stop making it... what’s wrong Nee-chan? Even though you are smiling... somehow, it feels scary... aah!?” (Reus)

At that time...

“...This year is from you, huh?” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Hokuto had a triangular kerchief with seemed meaningless, but he brought chocolate in the shape of a meatball to Sirius.

“No, I am happy and I think it’s amazing, but... how did you make it?” (Sirius)

“...Woof.” (Hokuto)

Translation... It is a trade secret.



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